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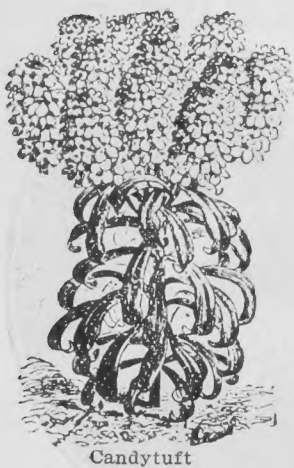
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If feather pillows have an unpleasant odor give them a thorough drying before a clear fire.

Dry salt, applied with a flannel, will clean an enameled bath which has become stained. Wash well afterwards.

To prevent shoes from making holes in the heels of stockings sew a piece of wash-leather inside the heels of the shoes.

Varnished wall paper may be washed with tepid water and any good soap. It will stand the usual treatment given to paint.

Instead of brushing a silk skirt or petticoat, use a pad made of a bit of velvet, which will remove the dust quickly without injuring the silk.

Metal teapots, if disused for some time, give a musty flavor to the tea when next used. This may be prevented by placing a lump of sugar in the teapot before putting away.

Not many mothers know that if stockings are washed before they are worn the threads will be tightened and they will last much longer in consequence.

A good way to keep silver bright that is in daily use is to place it in hot borax water occasionally and allow it to stand an hour or two; rinse with clear, hot water, and then wipe with a clean, dry towel.

A good floor-stain that goes right into the wood, and is very durable, is made of linseed oil colored with ground burnt umber. Rub thoroughly into the boards with a flannel pad, and next day polish with beeswax and turpentine.

Never use soap in washing silk stockings. Bran in water is the proper fluid to use—four tablespoonfuls to a quart of water. Rinse in several clear waters, pressing the water out. Dry stockings in the sun.

How to Mend a Stove.—If the stove is cracked, a good cement is made for it as follows: Wood ashes and salt in equal proportions, reduce to a paste with cold water, and fill in the cracks when the stove is cool. It will soon harden.

To prevent brass tarnishing try a preparation made by dissolving an ounce of shellac in a pint of methylated spirit. Cork the bottle tightly and leave it till next day; then pour off the clear liquid. Heat the brass slightly, and paint the solution over it with a camel's hair brush.

Brass pans that have stood for some time should be rubbed with vinegar and salt to remove verdigris. Clean with polishing paste or with bathbrick dust and water; then rinse out well with hot water and polish with soft cloths. Treated like this your brass pans will be perfectly safe for any kind of cookery.

Kitchen paints will soon acquire a shabby, dull look from the frequent cleaning that is necessary in this room. The use of soap only increases the difficulty, especially if the paints are varnished. A good plan is to boil one pound of bran in a gallon of water for an hour, then wash the paint with this bran water, and it will not only be kept clean, but bright and glossy.

In cleaning the brass around a keyhole it is almost impossible not to soil the surrounding wood. Get a piece of cardboard about four inches square, cut a hole in it the shape of the brass, and put it over the keyhole when cleaning, and the wood will not be touched.

A good idea, particularly in the winter-time, when the washing of windows is always unpleasant work, is to frequently wipe off the inside of the glass with a dry cloth. It is surprising to find how much dust and dirt can be removed. In cleaning the windows, if a little soda and a tablespoonful of alcohol are added to each pail of water, the glass will be much brighter.

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To Clean Light Furs.

For light furs mix together a pint of flour, a pint of hot bran, and a tablespoonful of Fuller's earth. Brush and shake furs; then lay them on a table and rub with the mixture, using a coarse piece of flannel, and rubbing the wrong way of the fur.

Shake thoroughly, and then go over again in the same way, using only the warm bran this time. Shake out bran and rub fur with cheese cloth. For the dark furs use the warm bran alone.

To Shrink Cloth.

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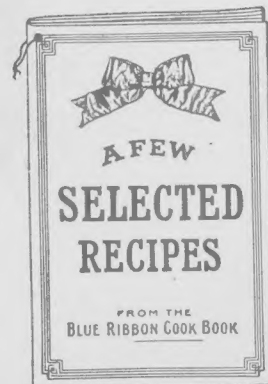
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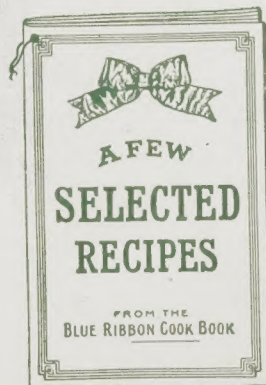
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Easter Thoughts.

By MARGARET E. SANGSTER.



MORE and more we are drifting into the general current which makes Lent a welcome feature in our busy life. Falling as it does in that part of the calendar which has been signalized by an intense and absorbing activity it gives us opportunity to stop and think, to lay aside some of our social excitements, and to cultivate the inner life. Whether or not we call ourselves by the name of a particular denomination or subscribe to a positive creed, deep down in all our hearts there is a want which cannot be satisfied except by the hand of Almighty God. We are religious by right of our humanity. We may or may not voice our petitions alike, but in the great crisis of life our imperative need is for divine help and comfort, and when Lent comes we feel the impact of aspirations, hopes and purposes that are beyond this transient sphere of being.

In the cities churches are open during Lent for brief services at noontide, and often one sees the business man, the working girl, the woman of fashion, the mourner in her somber robes, and the day laborer, united by a common interest, turning aside and entering where the prayers and hymns of the ages give the day a bit of cheer.

Lent affords an interval of rest to those who are jaded and weary; it excuses us from merely social engagements, and enlists thousands in altruistic endeavors. The poor and sick have reason to be grateful for the penitential days that mean for them much thoughtfulness and kindness and some alleviation of the tedium of their lives. From Ash Wednesday to Good Friday we may if we will, in some sort, go into retreat from the world, shake off its dust, compromise with its care, and seek the blessedness of heaven. Swiftly after the gloom of Good Friday, with its memories of the Cross, follows Easter Day with its memories of the Crown.

Eastertide.

The coronation of Christendom is expressed in the phrase, "I am the resurrection and the life." From choirs and organs, lofty cathedrals, little chapels, and assemblies of children in school, on week days and Sundays, the Easter music will have this burden, and will send forth exultant chords. The characteristic of our Easter music is triumph. Victory over death is the keynote of the Eastertide. Everything in nature adds emphasis to this motive. A few weeks ago whole forests showed their tracery of bough and twig without a single leaf. The fields were hidden under the snow, or showed brown patches of stubble in corners where the snow had melted. There was an aspect of austerity and silence in the familiar landscape. As if Nature were waiting for something to happen, she withdrew herself from sight, and dwelt in mystery and reserve. No reticence equals that of Nature in a mood of withdrawal and retirement. How it has come about, so imperceptibly, yet so swift are the stages we can hardly explain. But earth has felt an elemental thrill. The passion of reproduction is upon her. Nature throwing off her apparent lethargy is full of eager haste to clothe woods and thickets, orchards and uplands, with beauty and bloom; birds are flying back in countless numbers, the miracle of Spring is again repeated before our eyes. It is Eastertide in the world, and every grass blade, leaf, violet, wind-flower, and dancing brook, sings to the self-same tune the glorious declaration of God, "I am the resurrection and the life." When Easter comes again one feels

like repeating Mary Lathbury's happy poem:

Children of yesterday,
Heirs of to-morrow,
What are you weaving,
Labor or sorrow?
Look to your looms again.
Faster and faster
Fly the great shuttles
Prepared by the Master.
Life's in the loom,
Room for it, room.

Yes, in these April days life's in the loom, the springing life of the fields, the joy over birth, the hope and the pledge of waving harvests yet to be. The synonym of Easter is abundant life. During the year that has glided by since last we exchanged our Easter greetings we have had diverse experiences in our homes. The great family of readers know for themselves what changes and sorrows, as well as joys, have been their portion. On one thing we may always count with confidence, and that is on the certainty of change in this life of ours. Nor is this a matter of regret. Without change there might be stagnation. Growth imperiously requires change; so does development. The baby in the cradle is our pride, but heaven help us if he remained a baby forever. The child of seven is not the lisping toddler of two, nor is the girl of fourteen what she was at seven. We are children of yesterday and heirs of tomorrow, and today is given us that in it we may change for the better. From some of our homes death has taken our very nearest and dearest. The earth life is lonely. Our feet turn often on the sad pilgrimage to the grave that covers a form that once made part of our daily sunshine.

Nevertheless, as we carry our flowers to church and make beautiful chancel and altar, as we leave them in the cemetery or set them before the portraits of those who are gone, we are not without comfort and not without hope. Those who have gone are indeed beyond our sight, but they are living and loving still, and many a time their presence may be with us although we know it not.

Among the songs which rise to the lips in the Eastertide are "Lead, Kindly Light," a poem which is full of inspiration, and Tennyson's matchless "Crossing the Bar." In the family at least one evening during the Eastertide should be spent in reading and singing songs like these.

Easter Flowers.

The florists' shops are riotous with bloom. The whitest of white flowers, the pure azalea, makes of each plant a magnificent bouquet. There are roses, hyacinths, lilies of the valley, ascension lilies, carnations, daffodils, jonquils, heather, a perfect glory of color, tint and shape, and a perfect wealth of fragrance. One loves to linger in front of the windows that are crammed with so much beauty, and if one can, it is a pleasure beyond words to send a blooming plant or a box of cut flowers to a shut-in friend or an invalid.

Lovers and sweethearts exchange flowers at Easter. The old gentleman who has not forgotten the gallantries of his youth selects a posy for the pretty debutante, granddaughter of the woman whom a lifetime ago he tried to win as his bride. She married another, and there is a sentimental tradition that he never quite got over it, and yet were the truth known he has jogged along very comfortably, and has not in his somewhat withered, but altogether serviceable heart, even a lingering regret. He is well-to-do, and a courtly personage of the old school, and at Easter it is his custom to send flowers to the families of those who were young when he was.

Much more touching to me than

the hothouse beauties that have cost so much care and pains and are worth so much money, are the flowers one finds up-country in farm-houses remote from the ways of men, and in little cottages on back streets; flowers that fill homely living rooms with perfume and brightness, and that reward the loving hands of simple women who have a knack of making plants grow. Do you belong to this elect company? When you appreciate the pleasure there is in watching the unfolding of buds on the calla lily and the monthly rose, in seeing ferns, begonias and geraniums flourish, and in uncovering a bed of pansies at Easter, and seeing the velvet blooms all purple and yellow and gold, laughing at you with faces full of sunshine. Very curious is the sympathy that flowers have for certain people. "If mother so much as looks at a plant it puts on a shoot to reward her," I heard a girl say, "while I may spend mornings of labor and evenings of watching and all my pin money on the garden, and all that I can get in return is a sickly show of stems, half dead and half alive."

The fact is mournfully true. Flowers do not grow for everybody. I am fain to confess that they have never grown for me. There is some witchery about it. You must somehow be very intimate with Mother Earth if her trolls and elves and her good people under the sod are to do their best to you.

Let us not forget that among the privileges that we most prize is that of sending consolation to people who are in grief, who are tired, or who are stumbling along encumbered by the difficulties and obstacles of the road. A flower may carry a message that is understood without words. A flower may revive drooping faith. Flowers spell the love of God to human hearts. Children adore them. Never, if you possibly can help it, refuse a flower to the dimpled hand and the pleading eyes of a little child.

The Easter Bride.

An Easter wedding is peculiarly charming if it is solemnized in church, while the Easter flowers and palms are still unfaded. The bride in her virginal sweetness, with her dress of purest white, looks extremely lovely as she comes down the aisle on the arm of her father, whose pride and tenderness have never been greater than now, when with a wrench, amid all his satisfaction, he is giving his child away. At one of the most beautiful of Easter weddings, just as the newly wedded pair turned from the altar, a choir of girls in the gallery broke into a peal of joyous song. The church with the palms and azaleas makes the fairest setting for a bride. But there is much to be said in favor of a home wedding, and, if it be the girl's preference, the season will lend itself graciously to the decoration of the house, which should be turned into a bower.

Easter Holidays.

The Easter holidays are very gay, not only because of the rebound of Lent, but as well because the children come pouring out of school, the young people return from college for a breathing spell, and there is everything to do in preparing the summer wardrobe and in supervising Easter festivities. Parents delight in giving hospitality to the friends of their young people, and a dance where the girls and boys are all friends and intimates is a pretty sight—wholesome and exhilarating. One way of keeping young is to live with young people, and partake with zest and enthusiasm in their pleasures.

Easter is a favorite time for the coming out of the pretty daughter of the house, and her introduction into society is the more auspicious that it takes place in the spring when the pulse of life is full and strong.

Frivolities and Furbelows.

That we should have something new to wear at Easter is a foregone conclusion. When the happy festi-

val has an April date we may safely lay aside the winter raiment and don the lighter garb of spring. The matron gives much consideration to her Easter bonnet, and no wonder, for a bonnet is verily the top sheaf of a costume, and woman would not be womanly if she regarded it with unconcern. As for the maiden, her hat, her fresh costume, her trim shoes, her dainty gloves, are but the setting and framing of her bewitching personality. She is young and fair, and she accords with the Easter atmosphere. April has its moods. So has she. She may smile or she may sigh, may frown or beam, but in her very caprices she is bewitching. A young girl has the world at her feet, and there is no harm in her taking her share in its romps and vanities. Frivolities and furbelows are not amiss for one whose life is in its morning prime.

The Heart's Core of Easter.

The deepest meaning of Easter and its most hallowed message do not touch these externals. To the great household of the sorrowing, that circle that is ever widening as other circles break, Easter brings consolation. Has some one been banished, has husband, wife, child or friend gone away, and is there a dull, ever-growing sense of loss and pain? I repeat what I have earlier said, that Easter comes to bid you take heart and go on. Life will never be the same again, but it shall not always be the vacant, empty, echoing chamber that it is today. Other tones will fill it, other forms flit through it, other gladness springs up where there is only dearth and bitterness now.

Beyond the smiling and the weeping there shall be for you and me, love, rest, and home. This is the glorious message of the Easter, sent ringing from the sky by the One whose birthday we kept at Christmas, when angels sang for us, and whose rising we celebrate at Easter, while still the angels sing. For He has said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Never yet was a springtime,
Late though lingered the snow,
That the sap stirred not at the whisper
Of the south wind, sweet and low;
Never yet was a springtime
When the buds forgot to blow.

Ever the wings of the Summer
Are folded under the mold;
Life, that has known no dying,
Is Love's, to have and to hold,
Till sudden, the burgeoning Easter!
The song! the green and the gold!

Easter Gifts.

Almost as universal as Christmas giving is the exchange of pretty gifts at Easter. These take the form of Easter symbols; the egg filled with bonbons, the hare, the lily, are sent from hand to hand, and the children are delighted with the chance again brought to them to show their affection for each other, for parents and teachers. As for lovers and sweethearts, all seasons are their own, and yet Easter brings them a most welcome opportunity to signify regard in some tangible form.

Easter parties for children where the hiding and hunting of colored eggs are among the features that have an unceasing charm. In Washington there has been for many years a custom beloved by boys and girls of rolling eggs in the White House grounds on Easter Monday. Little folk crowd thither to enjoy the gay sport, and grave senators and statesmen, and the president himself, are generally enthusiastic spectators, while the air rings with the shouts of happy children. I remember years ago how entertained I was in watching little negro lads in the South as they went about in the Eastertide playing a game which seemed to need a peculiarly deft touch. They took real eggs and touched the shells together; it was called pecking eggs. The one who succeeded in slightly cracking the other's egg won it as his own. An egg broken causes great anger.

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I offer no apology for speaking upon a religious theme for it is the most universal of all themes. If I addressed you upon the subject of law I might interest the lawyers; if I discussed the science of medicine I might interest the physicians; in like manner merchants might be interested in a talk on commerce, and farmers in a discussion of agriculture; but none of these subjects appeal to all. Even the science of government, though broader than any profession or occupation does not embrace the whole sum of life, and those who think upon it differ so among themselves that I could not speak upon the subject so as to please a part without offending the others. While to me the science of government is intensely absorbing, I recognize that the most important things in life lie outside of the realm of government and that more depends upon what the individual does for himself than upon what the government does or can do for him. Men can be miserable under the best government and they can be happy under the worst government.

Government touches but a part of the life which we live here and does not touch at all the life beyond, while religion affects the infinite circle of existence as well as the small arc of that circle which we spend on earth. No greater theme, therefore, can engage our attention.

Man is a religious being; the heart instinctively seeks for a God. Whether he worships on the banks of the Ganges, prays with his face towards the sun, kneels toward Mecca or, regarding all space as a temple, communes with the Heavenly Father according to the Christian creed, man is essentially devout.

Some regard religion as a superstition, pardonable in the ignorant but unworthy of the educated—a mental state which one can and should outgrow. Those who hold this view look down with mild contempt upon such as give religion a definite place in their thoughts and lives. They assume an intellectual superiority and often take little pains to conceal the assumption. Tolstoy administers to the "cultured crowd" (the words quoted are his) a severe rebuke when he declares that the religious sentiment rests not upon superstitious fear of the invisible forces of nature, but upon man's consciousness of his finiteness amid an infinite universe and of his sinfulness; and this consciousness, the great philosopher adds, man can never outgrow. Tolstoy is right; man recognizes how limited are his own powers and how vast the universe, and he leans upon the arm that is stronger than his. Man feels the weight of his sins and looks for One who is sinless.

Religion has been defined as the relation which man fixes between himself and God, morality being the outward manifestation of this relation. Every one, by the time he reaches maturity, has fixed some relation between himself and God and no material change in this relation can take place without a revolution in the man, for this relation is the supreme thing in his life.

Religion is the basis of morality in the individual and in the group of individuals. Materialists have attempted to build up a system of morality upon the basis of enlightened self-interest. They would have a man figure out by mathematics that it pays him to abstain from wrong doing; they even inject an element of selfishness into altruism, but the moral system elaborated by the materialists has several defects. First, its virtues are borrowed from moral systems based upon religion; second, as it rests upon argument rather than upon authority, it does not appeal to the young and by the time the young are able to follow their reason, they have already become set in their ways; and third, one whose morality is based upon a nice

calculation of benefits to be secured spends time on mathematics that he should spend in action. Those who keep a book account of their good deeds seldom do enough good to justify keeping books.

Morality is the power of endurance in a man; and a religion which teaches personal responsibility to God gives an unyielding strength to morality. There is a powerful restraining influence in the belief that an all-seeing eye scrutinizes every act of the individual.

I passed through a period of skepticism when I was in college; the theories of the scientists concerning the creation confused me. But I examined these theories and found that they all began with an assumption. The materialist assumes matter and force as pre-existing and he assumes force working on matter and upon these assumptions he builds a solar system. I have a right to assume as well as he, and I prefer to assume a Designer back of the design—a Creator back of the creation. No matter how long-drawn-out the period of creation, so long as God stands behind it my faith in Jehovah cannot be shaken. In Genesis it is said that God created the heaven and the earth, and I shall stand on that proposition until some one presents a theory that gives a more reasonable beginning.

The miracles also disturbed me and I am inclined to think that the miracle is the test question with the Christian. Christ cannot be separated from the miraculous; His birth, His ministrations, and His resurrection, all involve the miraculous, and the change which His religion works in the human heart is a continuing miracle. Eliminate the miracles and Christ becomes merely a human being and His gospel is stripped of divine authority.

The miracle raises two questions, Can God perform a miracle? and, Would He want to? The first is easy to answer. A God who can make a world can do anything He wants to do with it. The power to perform miracles is necessarily implied in the power to create. But would God want to perform a miracle?—this is the question which has given most of the trouble. The more I have considered it the less inclined I am to answer it in the negative. To say that God would not perform a miracle is to assume a more intimate knowledge with God's plans and purposes that I can claim to have. I will not deny that God does perform a miracle and may perform one merely because I do not know how or why he does it. The fact that we are constantly learning of the existence of new forces suggests the possibility that God may operate through forces yet unknown to us, and the mysteries with which we deal every day warn me that faith is as necessary as sight. Who would have credited a century ago the stories that are now told of the wonder working electricity? For ages man had known the lightning, but only to fear it; now, this invisible current is generated by a man-made machine, imprisoned in a man-made wire and made to do the bidding of man. We are even able to dispense with the wire and hurl words through space, and the X-ray has enabled us to look through substances which were supposed, until recently, to exclude all light. The miracle is not more mysterious than many of the things with which man now deals—it is simply different. The immaculate conception is not more mysterious than any other conception—it is simply unlike; nor is the resurrection of Christ more mysterious than the myriad resurrections which mark each annual seed-time.

It is sometimes said that God could not suspend one of His laws without stopping the Universe, but do we not suspend or overcome the law of gravitation every day? Every time we move a foot or lift a weight,

we temporarily interfere with the most universal of natural laws and yet the world is not disturbed.

Science has taught us so many things that we are tempted to conclude that we know everything, but there is really a great unknown which is still unexplored and that which we have learned ought to increase our reverence rather than our egotism. Science has disclosed some of the machinery of the universe, but science has not yet revealed to us the great secret—the secret of life. It is to be found in every blade of grass, in every insect, in every bird and in every animal, as well as in man. Six thousand years of recorded history and yet we know no more about the secret of life than they knew in the beginning. We live, we plant, we have our hopes, our fears; and yet in a moment a change may come over any one of us and then this body will become a mass of lifeless clay. What is it that, having, we live and, having not, we are as the clod? We know not, and yet the progress of the race and civilization which we now behold are the work of men and women who have not solved the mystery of their own lives.

And our food, must we understand it before we eat it? If we refused to eat anything until we could understand the mystery of its growth, we would die of starvation. But mystery does not bother us in the dining room; it is only in the church that it is an obstacle.

I was eating a piece of watermelon some months ago and was struck with its beauty. I took some of the seeds and weighed them, and found that it would require some five thousand seed to weigh a pound. And then I applied mathematics to a forty pound melon. One of these seeds, put into the ground, when warmed by the sun and moistened by the rain, goes to work; it gathers from somewhere two hundred thousand times its own weight and, forcing this raw material through a tiny stem, constructs a watermelon. It covers the outside with a coating of green; inside of the green it puts a layer of white, and within the white, a core of red, and all through the red it scatters seeds, each one capable of continuing the work of reproduction. I cannot explain the watermelon but I eat it and enjoy it. Everything that grows tells a like story of infinite power. Why should I deny that a divine hand fed a multitude with a few loaves and fishes when I see hundreds of millions fed every year by a hand which converts the seeds scattered over the field into an abundant harvest? We know that food can be multiplied in a few months' time, shall we deny the power of the Creator to eliminate the element of time, when we have gone so far in eliminating the element of space?

Those who question the miracle also question the theory of atonement; they assert that it does not accord with their idea of justice for one to die for others. Let each one bear his own sins and punishments due for them, they say. The doctrine of vicarious suffering is not a new one; it is as old as the race. That one should suffer for others is one of the most familiar of principles and we see the principle illustrated every day of our lives. Take the family, for instance; from the day the first child is born for twenty-five or thirty years the mother's time is devoted to her offspring, she sacrifices for them, she surrenders herself to them. Is it because she expects them to pay her back? Fortunate for the parent and fortunate for the child if the latter has an opportunity to repay in part the debt it owes. But no child can compensate a parent for a parent's care. In the course of nature the debt is paid, not to the parent, but to the next generation, each genera-

tion suffering and sacrificing for the one following.

Nor is this confined to the family. Every step in advance has been made possible by those who have been willing to sacrifice for posterity. Freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of conscience and free government have all been won for the world by those who were willing to make sacrifices for their fellows. So well established is this doctrine that we do not regard any one as great unless he recognizes how unimportant his life is in comparison with the problems with which he is connected.

The seeming paradox: he that saveth his life shall lose it and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it, has an application wider than that usually given to it; it is an epitome of history. Those who live only for themselves live little lives, but those who give themselves for the advancement of things greater than themselves find a larger life than the one surrendered. Wendell Phillips gave expression to the same idea when he said, "How prudently most men sink into nameless graves, while now and then a few forget themselves into immortality."

Instead of being an unnatural plan, the plan of salvation is in perfect harmony with human nature as we understand it. Sacrifice is the language of love, and Christ, in suffering for the world, adopted the only means of reaching the heart, and this can be demonstrated, not only by theory but by experience, for the story of His life, His teachings, His sufferings and His death has been translated into every language and everywhere it has touched the heart.

But if I were going to present an argument in favor of the divinity of Christ, I would not begin with miracles or theory of atonement. I would begin as Carnegie Simpson begins in his book entitled, "The Fact of Christ." Commencing with the fact that Christ lived he points out that one cannot contemplate this undisputed fact without feeling that in some way this fact is related to those now living. As he studies the character of Christ he becomes conscious of certain virtues which stand out in bold relief: purity, humility, a forgiving spirit and unfathomable love. The author is correct. Christ presents an example of purity in thought and life and man conscious of his own imperfections and grieved over his shortcomings, finds inspiration in One who was tempted in all points like as we are, and yet without sin. I am not sure but that we can find just here a way of determining whether one possesses the true spirit of a Christian. If he finds in the sinlessness of Christ a stimulus to greater effort and higher living, he is indeed a follower; if, on the other hand, he resents the reproof which the purity of Christ offers he is likely to question the divinity of Christ in order to excuse himself for not being a follower.

Humility is a rare virtue. If one is rich he is apt to be proud of his riches; if he has distinguished ancestry, he is apt to be proud of his lineage; if he is well educated, he is apt to be proud of his learning. Some one has suggested that if one becomes humble, he soon becomes proud of his humility. Christ was the very personification of humility.

The most difficult of all the virtues to cultivate is the forgiving spirit. Revenge seems to be natural to the human heart; to want to get even with an enemy is a common sin. It has even been popular to boast of vindictiveness; it was once inscribed on a monument to a hero that he had repaid both friends and enemies more than he had received. This was not the spirit of Christ. He taught forgiveness and in that incomparable prayer which he left as a model for our petitions He measured our forgiveness by our willingness to forgive. He not only taught forgiveness but He exemplified His teachings in His life. When those who persecuted Him brought Him to the most disgraceful of all deaths,

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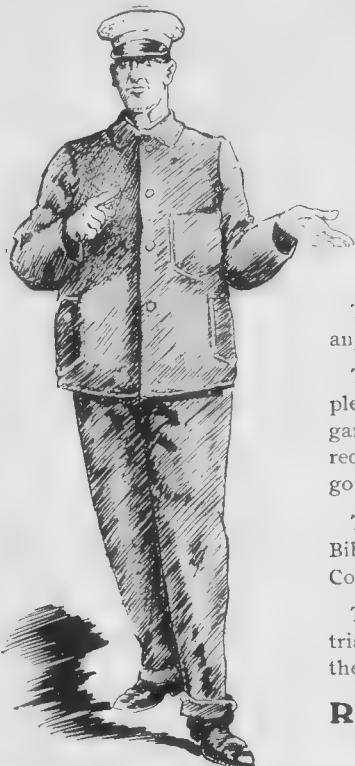


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What conclusion is to be drawn from the life, the teachings and the death of this historic figure? Reared in a carpenter shop; with no knowledge of literature, save Bible literature; with no acquaintance with philosophers living or with the writings of sages dead, this young man gathered disciples about Him, promulgated a higher code of morals than the world had ever known before, and proclaimed Himself the Messiah. He taught and performed miracles for a few brief months and then was crucified; His disciples were scattered and many of them put to death; His claims were disputed, His resurrection denied and His followers persecuted and yet from this beginning His religion has spread until millions take His name with reverence upon their lips, thousands have been willing to die rather than surrender the faith which He puts into their hearts. How shall we account for Him? What think ye of Christ? It is easier to believe Him divine than to explain in any other way what He said and did and was.

I was thinking a few years ago of the Christmas which was approaching and of Him in whose honor the day is celebrated. I recalled the message, "Peace on earth, good will to men," and then my thoughts ran back to the prophecy uttered centuries before His birth, in which He was described as the Prince of Peace. To reinforce my memory I re-read the prophecy and found immediately following a verse which I had forgotten—a verse which declares that of the increase of His peace and government there shall be no end, for, adds Isaiah, He shall judge His people with justice and with judgment. Thinking of the prophecy I have selected this theme that I may present some of the reasons which lead me to believe that Christ has fully earned the title, "The Prince of Peace," and that in the years to come it will be more and more applied to Him. Faith in Him brings peace to the heart and His teachings when applied will bring peace between man and man.

All the world is in search of peace; every heart that ever beat has sought peace and many have been the methods employed to find it. Some have thought to purchase it with riches and they have labored to secure wealth, hoping to find peace when they were able to go where they pleased and buy what they liked. Of those who have endeavored to purchase peace with money, the large majority have failed to secure the money. But what has been the experience of those who have been successful in accumulating money? They all tell the same story, viz., that they spend the first half of their lives trying to get money from others and the last half, trying to keep others from getting their money and that they found peace in neither half. Some have even reached the point where they find difficulty in getting people to accept their money; and I know of no better indication of the ethical awakening in this country than the increasing tendency to scrutinize the methods of money making. A long step in advance will have been taken when religious, educational and charitable institutions refuse to condone immoral methods in business and leave the possessor of ill-gotten gains to learn the loneliness of life

when one prefers money to morals.

Some have sought peace in social distinction, but whether they have been within the charmed circle and fearful lest they might fall out, or outside and hopeful that they might get in, they have not found peace.

Some have thought, vain thought! to find peace in political prominence; but whether office comes by birth as in monarchies or by election as in republics, it does not satisfy a selfish ambition. An office is conspicuous only when few can occupy it. But few in a generation can hope to be the chief executive of their city, state or nation. I am glad that our Heavenly Father did not make the peace of the human heart depend upon the accumulation of wealth, or upon the securing of social or political distinction, for in either case but few could have enjoyed it, but when He made peace the reward of a conscience void of offence toward God and man, He put it within the reach of all. The poor can secure it as easily as the rich, the social outcast as freely as the leader of society, and the humblest citizen equally with those who wield political power.

To those who have grown gray in the faith I need not speak of the comfort to be found in the belief in an over-ruling Providence. The Bible is full of assurances that our lives are precious in the sight of God, and poets have taken up the theme and woven it into immortal verse. No uninspired writer has expressed the idea more beautifully than William Cullen Bryant in the "Ode to a Waterfowl." After following the wanderings of the bird of passage as it seeks first its northern and then its southern home, he concludes:

"Thou art gone; the abyss of heaven
Hath swallowed up thy form, but
on my heart
Deeply hath sunk the lesson thou
hast given,
And shall not soon depart.

He who, from zone to zone,
Guides through the boundless sky
thy certain flight
In the long way that I must tread
alone,
Will lead my steps aright."

He has brought peace by giving us assurance that a line of communication can be established between the Father above and the child below. And who will measure the consolation that has been brought to troubled hearts by the hour of prayer?

And immortality! Who will estimate the peace which a belief in a future life has brought to the sorrowing? You may talk to the young about death ending all, for life is full and hope is strong, but preach not this doctrine to the mother who stands by the death bed of her babe or to one who is within the shadow of a great affliction. When I was a young man I wrote to Colonel Ingersoll and asked him for his views on God and immortality. His secretary answered that the great infidel was not at home, but enclosed a copy of a speech which covered my question. I scanned it with expressiveness and found that he had expressed himself about as follows: "I do not say that there is no God. I simply say I do not know. I do not say that there is no life beyond the grave, I simply say I do not know." And from that day to this I have not been able to understand how any man can find pleasure in taking from any human heart a living faith and substituting therefor the cold and cheerless doctrine, "I do not know."

Christ gave us proof of immortality and yet it would hardly seem necessary that one should rise from the dead to convince us that the grave is not the end. To every created thing God has given a tongue that proclaims a resurrection.

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soul of man, made in the image of His creator? If He stoops to give to the rose bush whose withered blossoms float upon the autumn breeze, the sweet assurance of another springtime, will He refuse the words of hope to the sons of men when the frosts of winter come? If matter, mute and inanimate, though changed by the forces of nature into a multitude of forms, can never die, will the spirit of man suffer annihilation when it has paid a brief visit like a royal guest to this tenement of clay? No. I am as sure that there is another life as I am that I live today! I am sure that, as the grain of the wheat contains within an invisible germ which can discard its body and build a new one from earth and air, so this body contains a soul which can clothe itself anew when this poor frame crumbles into dust.

A belief in immortality not only consoles the individual but it exerts a powerful influence in bringing peace between individuals. If one really thinks that man dies as the brute dies, he may yield to the temptation to do injustice to his neighbor when the circumstances are such as to promise security from detection. But if one really expects to meet again, and live eternally with those whom he knows today, he is restrained from evil deeds by the fear of endless remorse. We do not know what rewards are in store for us or what punishments may be reserved, but if there were no other punishment it would be enough for one who deliberately and consciously wrongs another to have to live forever in the company of the person wronged and have his littleness and selfishness laid bare. I repeat, a belief in immortality must exert a powerful influence in establishing justice between men and thus in laying the foundation for peace.

Christ has given us a measure of

greatness which eliminates conflicts. When His disciples disputed among themselves as to which should be the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven, He rebuked them and said, Let him who would be the chiefest among you be the servant of all. Service is the measure of greatness; it always has been true, it is true today, and it always will be true, that he is the greatest who does the most of good. And yet, what a revolution it will work in this old world when this standard becomes the standard of every life. Nearly all of our controversies and combats arise from the fact that we are trying to get something from each other—there will be peace when our endeavor is to do something for each other. Our enmities and animosities arise from our efforts to get as much as possible out of the world—there will be peace when our endeavor is to put as much as possible into the world. Society will have taken an immeasurable step toward peace when it estimates a citizen by his output rather than by his income and gives the crown of its approval to the one who makes the largest contribution to the welfare of all.

Christ has also led the way to peace by giving us a formula for the propagation of good. Not all of those who have really desired to do good have employed the Christian method—not all Christians even. In all the history of the human race, but two methods have been employed. The first is the forcible method. A man has an idea which he thinks is good; he tells his neighbors about it and they do not like it. This makes him angry and seizing a club he attempts to make them like it. One trouble about this rule is that it works both ways; when a man starts out to compel his neighbors to think as he does, he generally finds them willing to accept the challenge, and they spend so much time in trying to

coerce each other that they have no time left to be of service to each other.

The other is the Bible plan—be not overcome of evil but overcome evil with good. And there is no other way of overcoming evil. I am not much of a farmer—I get more credit for my farming than I deserve, and my little farm receives more advertising than it is entitled to. But I am farmer enough to know that if I cut down weeds they will spring up again, but I know that if I plant something there which has more vitality than the weeds I shall not only get rid of the constant cutting but have the benefit of the crop besides.

In order that there might be no mistake about His plan of propagating good, Christ went into detail and laid emphasis upon the value of example—so live that others, seeing your good works, may be constrained to glorify your Father which is in Heaven. There is no human influence so potent for good as that which goes out from an upright life. A sermon may be answered; the arguments presented in a speech may be disputed, but no one can answer a Christian life—it is the unanswerable argument.

It may be a slow process—this conversion of the world by the silent influence of a noble example, but it is the only sure one, and the doctrine applies to nations as well as to individuals. The Gospel of the Prince of Peace gives us the only hope that the world has—and it is an increasing hope—of the substitution of reason for the arbitrament of force in the settlement of international disputes.

But Christ has given us a platform more fundamental than any political party has ever written. We are interested in platforms; we attend conventions, sometimes traveling long distances; we have wordy wars over

the phraseology of various planks and then we wage earnest campaigns to secure the endorsement of these platforms at the polls. But the platform given to the world by the Nazarene is more far-reaching and more comprehensive than any platform ever written by the convention of any party in any country. When He condensed into one commandment those of the ten which relate of man's duty toward his fellows and enjoined upon us the rule, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." He presented a plan for the solution of all the problems that now vex society or may hereafter arise. Other remedies may palliate or postpone the day of settlement but this is all-sufficient and the reconciliation which it effects is a permanent one.

If I were to attempt to apply this thought to various questions which are at issue, I might be accused of entering the domain of partisan politics, but I may safely apply it to two great problems. First, let us consider the question of capital and labor. This is not a transient issue or a local one. It engages the attention of the people of all countries and has appeared in every age. The immediate need in this country is arbitration, for neither side to the controversy can be trusted to deal with absolute justice, if allowed undisputed control; but arbitration, like a court, is a last resort. It would be better if the relations between employer and employee were such as to make arbitration unnecessary. Just in proportion as men recognize their kinship to each other and deal with each other in the spirit of brotherhood will friendship and harmony be secured. Both employer and employee need to cultivate the spirit which follows from obedience to the great commandment.

The second problem to which I would apply this platform of peace is that which relates to the accumu-



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But this Prince of Peace promises not only peace, but strength. Some have thought His teachings fit only for the weak and the timid and unsuited to men of vigor, energy and ambition. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Only the man of faith can be courageous. Confident that he fights on the side of Jehovah he doubts not the triumph of his cause. What matters it whether he shares in the victory? If every word spoken in behalf of the truth has its influence and every deed done for the right weighs in the final account, it is immaterial to the Christian whether his eyes behold victory or whether he dies in the midst of the conflict.

Only those who believe attempt the seemingly impossible and, by attempting, prove that one with God can chase a thousand and two can

put ten thousand to flight. I can imagine that the early Christians who were carried into the arena to make a spectacle for those more savage than the beasts, were entreated by their doubting companions not to endanger their lives. But, kneeling in the center of the arena, they prayed and sang until they were devoured. How helpless they seemed and, measured by every human rule, how hopeless was their cause! And yet within a few decades the power which they invoked proved mightier than the legions of the Roman emperor and the faith in which they died was triumphant o'er all that land. It is said that those who went to mock at their sufferings returned asking themselves, What is it that can enter into the heart of man and make him die as these die? They were greater conquerors in their death than they could have been had they purchased life by a surrender of their faith.

What would have been the fate of the church if the early Christians had had as little faith as many of our Christians now have? And on the other hand, if the Christians of today had the faith of the martyrs, how long would it be before the fulfillment of the prophecy that every knee shall bow and every tongue confess?

Our faith should be even stronger than the faith of those who lived two thousand years ago for we see our religion spreading and supplanting the philosophies and creeds of the Orient.

As the Christian grows older he appreciates more and more the completeness with which Christ fills the requirements of the heart and, grateful for the peace which he enjoys and for the strength which he has received, he repeats the words of the great scholar, Sir William Jones:

Before thy mystic altar, heavenly truth,
I kneel in manhood, as I knelt in youth.
Thus let me kneel, till this dull form decay,
And life's last shade be brightened by thy ray.
Then shall my soul, now lost in clouds below,
Soar without bound, without consuming glow."

Poor Tired Mother.

By Jane Hawley.

They are talking of the glory of the land beyond the skies,
Of the light and of the gladness to be found in paradise,
Of the flowers ever blooming, of the never-ceasing songs,
Of the wand'ring through the golden streets of happy, white-robed throngs;
And said father, leaning cozily back in his easy chair
(Father always was a master hand for comfort everywhere):
"What a jovial thing 'twould be to know that when this life is o'er
One would straightway hear a welcome from the blessed shining shore!"
And Isabel, our eldest girl, glanced upward from the reed
She was painting on a water jug, and murmured, "Yes, indeed!"
And Marion, the next in age, a moment dropped her book,
And a "Yes, indeed!" repeated with a most ecstatic look.
But mother, gray-haired mother, who had come to sweep the room,
With a patient smile on her thin face, leaned lightly on her broom—
Poor mother! no one ever thought how much she had to do—
And said, "I hope it is not wrong not to agree with you,
•But seems to me that when I die, before I join the blest,
I'd like just for a little while to lie in my grave and rest."

The Changed Children

By Helen Corwin Pierce



WIDE luxurious room silken draperies at the windows, silken lounges and low-cushioned chairs, inlaid tables, and all about the thousand-and-one costly articles of art vertu with which the rich delight to surround themselves.

It was a lady's boudoir. Beyond it were dressing and bedrooms, and still beyond those an exquisitely-fitted and adorned nursery, for Caroline Vantyne, the beautiful heiress, who had been wedded two years previously to young Vantyne, the artist, was a mother now three months, and such was her idolatry of her lovely babe, such her passionate anxiety lest it should not be well cared for, that she insisted upon having its apartments where her fond and jealous eye could exercise almost constant supervision of its welfare.

Caroline Vantyne, with all her wealth and beauty, married to the

shadows that darkened about the sunken eyes.

As she sat in her luxurious room idly twisting the silken cord of her soft, white wrapper, her beautiful eyes turned ever and anon, with touching wistfulness and yearning, in the direction of the nursery. At last, smiling a little, she touched a tiny silver bell, and ere its tinkle had died, her baby's nurse had answered its summons.

"Bring me my darling, Lena," the young mother said, and Lena turned back to the nursery.

The next instant there was an exclamation, subdued but terrified, and the young mother, white and palpitating, sprang from her seat and followed the nurse.

Lena had fallen upon the nursery floor in a swoon of fright, and through the rosy draperies of the infant's crib shone a child's face starry in its beauty, but not an infant's face, not Caroline Vantyne's baby, but a strange child.

"Oh, dear Heaven! what is this?" adjured Mrs. Vantyne, dragging the



"A figure appeared standing muffled to the chin in a long black cloak, and holding by the hand a little girl."

man of her love in most romantic fashion, for the artist had been a poor man, a beggar you might say—and mother of a sweet babe was not a happy woman, for she had learned too late that the handsome and distinguished-looking man she had gifted with the fondest worship that ever stirred a woman's heart, was both a liar and a villain. Liar, because he had pretended to return her as passionate devotion as she gave; villain, because he had forsaken the woman he did love, and who loved him, for her money.

Upon her very marriage morning, this wronged young creature had stolen her way to the presence of the bride and told her the pitiful story just after the marriage ceremony was done, instead of before.

"Ah, if it had but been before," wailed Caroline to her stricken heart, and turned faint as death from the wild threats of the half-crazed girl, whose story it was impossible to doubt, the more that Gerald Vantyne, when confronted with it, showed in his shamed face such guilty witness to its truth.

Those two years of Caroline Vantyne's wedded life had been feverish with alternating doubts and sweetness. You could read her record in the white but sweet face, the drooped curves of the lovely mouth, the violet

stranger from her baby's place and staring at the empty crib with dilating eyes. Then like some furious creature she beat about the room, searching for the infant and screaming at the top of her voice till the apartment was filled with the amazed domestics summoned from every quarter by those appalling cries, more like the voice of some wounded animal than that of a human being.

The strange child through all this tumult behaved in the most extraordinary manner, never uttering a cry, but staring from one to another with great, wondering bright eyes, and pushing back with first one dimpled hand and then the other a perfect tangle of soft black curls which would fall over the snowy brow. It was long before anything coherent was summoned from this wild disorder and tumult.

Gerald Vantyne was finally sent for, and the matter put into the hands of the police. But nothing came of it. The children had been changed in the most artful and mysterious manner. The nurse declared she never quitted the room till summoned by Mrs. Vantyne, and to reach the nursery, who ever had done this cruelty, must have passed through long halls usually under constant surveillance, and in broad day, when the presence of a

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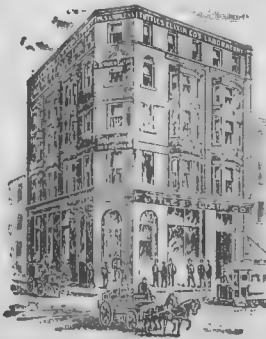
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stranger would have been likely to attract attention. Still, not the faintest clue could be obtained to the identity of the daring individual. Even the strange child, which looked old enough to talk, only made a soft little cooing noise and laughed when spoken to, without uttering a word.

Caroline Vantyne had drooped like a beaten lily from the first moment. She lay among the foam-white pillows of her couch, pale and motionless, and seldom speaking to any member of the household.

But one day she astonished her anxious watchers by asking that the strange child be brought to her. It had been decided to retain the little creature instead of sending it to the almshouse as first proposed, both as a sort of a hostage for the safety of the other, and a possible clue to its fate.

The little one was brought to her in her husband's presence. It wore still the same clothes in which it had come, and had a neglected look, that, taken in connection with the subdued wistfulness of its little face, was most pitiful to see.

Mrs. Vantyne's own babe was a blue-eyed little girl. This child was a boy.

When they put him down on the carpet in Mrs. Vantyne's chamber, he turned from the frowning and unfriendly faces of all the others, and with a sidling, shy movement crept to the bedside of the bereaved mother, and put his dimpled warm cheek against her hand.

Mrs. Vantyne started as though something had stung her, and some powerful emotion stirred her lips to tremulousness.

With a gesture she indicated that he should be lifted up beside her, and with his usual soft, glad coo, he nestled his curly head down upon her bosom.

The poor lady looked frightened, but hers was too gentle and loving a nature to find enmity toward anything so innocent of her great and cruel wrong as was this child.

She spoke to it in timid tones, then as it did not notice, more caressingly; finally, lifting its face from her neck, and softly touching its cheek with her hand, the little one gave utterance again to that sweet, inarticulate murmur like the trill of a bird.

Mrs. Vantyne turned to her husband, who had come forward, with a half-angry remonstrance on his lips.

Something ails him, Gerald," she said. "He is not like other children; I am almost sure he is a mute."

"Nonsense," Gerald Vantyne said, and reaching his wife's little bell, he tinkled it in the boy's very ear, without letting him see what he was doing.

The child did not turn his head.

"I believe you are right," Gerald said, trying the other ear with the same effect.

Tears filled the unhappy mother's eyes, and as she regarded the poor babe through them, the child's own radiant orbs grew misty and his pretty scarlet lips began to tremble.

"Perhaps if I am kind to this little unfortunate, Heaven will the sooner give me back my own darling," murmured Mrs. Vantyne, with questioning glance at her husband. "Would you mind, Gerald?"

"Certainly not. I can't sympathize with the wish, but I don't object to you doing as you like in the matter."

And from that day Caroline Vantyne began to mend rapidly.

The very helplessness of this little pensioner upon her kindness, the very nature of the extremely peculiar circumstances under which he had come to her, seemed to draw the cords of the affection she soon felt for him the tighter.

When her husband or others gave any expression to their surprise at her very apparent fondness for the little one, she would say, gently:

"It was very hard at first, but I never ceased to ask for help from a higher source, or to pray that upon the head of my own lost babe might be requited my kindness to this."

She called the child Jason because she said he had been her soul's and her body's physician, and Jason meant physician.

Mrs. Vantyne under the discipline of

this last terrible affliction seemed to have grown almost an angel, both in looks and heart. Always amiable, now she seemed saint-like. Always lovely, now her face seemed to radiate light. The bloom came back to her cheek, delicate but brilliant as the inner flush of the sea-shell, and her soft eyes had a tender luster, that, all unconsciously to her, woke in the heart of her husband a sort of idolatrous worship that was as unlike any love he had ever felt before, as the fruit differs from the blossom.

She had withdrawn entirely from society, but for the sake of the little boy whose health was delicate she spent much time out of doors with him, never trusting him to a nurse, for reasons she could scarcely have told if questioned. Perhaps she had a vague terror that if this sweet heart, about which the tendrils of her own had twined so closely already, might be torn from her also by that cruel hand which had once invaded her happiness.

Wherever they went the pair were the object of the most vivid interest, both among those who knew their story and strangers who did not, for if the one looked an angel the other seemed to have wings growing under the tangle of soft bright curls which fell upon his shoulders. The devotion of the two to each other was entire and unmistakable. Jason's great wide eyes said "mama" as plainly as her fond glances repeated "my son."

One day when the child was, so nearly as they could tell, five years old, he quitted his play suddenly, and came to his more than mother with his little hands clutching at his throat, his eyes starting with agony.

He had the diphtheria, and the disease had made such progress before it was discovered that in spite of everything that could be done he died in the course of the next day.

Mrs. Vantyne neither wept nor bemoaned, but the springs of life seemed dried. She grew in a moment, as it were, too weak to stand alone, and lifted upon her bed, lay whispering with pale smiles and her hand upon her heart:

"God's will—not mine."

When they took little Jason to the grave, she was too feeble to go with him, and while the mournful cortege moved slowly away, she asked to be alone, and the nurse in the next room heard her praying softly.

That night after all had retired to rest, the door-bell rang, and when the door was opened a figure appeared standing muffled to the chin in a long black coat, and holding by the hand a little girl, perhaps three years old.

Here is Mrs. Vantyne's child and heir," said the stranger; "say to her that for her kindness to the poor lad who was buried today, her own child, which it was never meant she should see again, is returned to her."

That was all. He vanished while he was speaking, leaving the little girl standing sobbing in the doorway.

The servant who had opened the door, half crazy with joy and amazement, caught up the little girl, shut the door, and running upstairs to her master's room, knocked, and asked if she could speak with him for a moment.

It was Mrs. Vantyne who answered. She had heard the child sobbing, and weak as everybody had supposed her, she got to the door without assistance, and before her husband, and opened it.

She gave a little gasp when she saw the child.

"Oh, my darling!" she cried, and caught the little one to her bosom. She did not need to be told.

Further than that outsiders never knew. But Gerald Vantyne confessed at last to his wife that he had known almost from the first that little Jason was the child of that poor, wronged girl he had forsaken for her. His mother had died suddenly, and a sister from revengeful motives had exchanged the children. Only Mrs. Vantyne's tenderness to the little unfortunate waif cast upon her mercy under such trying circumstances had softened the sister's heart at last, so that she had returned the babe she had stolen to its mother.

Correspondence

We print in this issue another batch of letters on the matrimonial question. During the month of March we exchanged just twice as many letters as in any previous month since the discussion in our columns on this question began.

We would like to print all the letters we have received up to date in this month's issue, but the number is so great that it is quite impossible for us to do so. In another issue we will print letters held over from this month.

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A Gastronomic Poem.

Gallus: What joy, Marcellus?
Marcellus: The joy of being full!
—Old Play.

My mother made such toothsome cakes
and most delicious pies;
And when I was a bachelor, I often did
surmise,
No wife of mine, however skilled, could
so accomplished be,
But Lord! I was a blooming chump to
let such thoughts go free.
Now that I am a married man with
hunger oft and strong,
I've found that one's most loving
thoughts are apt to lead one wrong.
For when at supper I sit down, and
scan the lovely food
Although I know to make remarks is
deemed exceeding rude,
I cannot help when my mouth's full
of that delicious cake,
But inch and inch along the board till
my wife's hand I take,
And say, "You blessed, blessed girl,
the very angels laugh
To see such heavenly food below, cook-
ed by my better half."

I know that last is a false rhyme how-
ever, let it go;
One wife-made cake is better far than
ten you could bestow.
Than ten? Than ten times ten, and ten
times more than that;
And, if like this she means to cook—
by Jove, won't I grow fat!
I vow, as long as I can chew, I ne'er
shall want my wife to change.
If she'll but let me stray with her
through cookery's vast range.
To change my wife? Not much, you
bet, for she has found the root
Of matrimonial happiness, which is—
just feed the brute.
From Poems of the Heart and Stomach.
—By Ephraim Teazem.

Lonely Widow Would Love.

Portage la Prairie, Man., Mar. 17, 1908.
Editor.—You will oblige me by print-
ing this letter.

I am a widow and therefore very
lonesome and would like a nice hus-
band—a man about middle age. I had
several offers of marriage lately but the
suitors did not suit. I am a good house-
keeper.
"J. H."

On Deck With the Goods.

Alberta, March 9, 1908.
Editor.—I am a reader of your maga-
zine and find some of the correspond-
ence very interesting as well as help-
ful.

I would like to correspond with some
of the nice young men. My age is 26.
I am 5½ feet in height, weigh 135
pounds, have dark brown hair and blue
eyes; am good natured and would make
a good, kind-hearted wife. I own 240
acres of land which I bought. I have
21 head of cattle, ten head of horses
and \$1,000 in the bank. If any bachelor
wishes to write to me he can do so.
"Snow Bird."

Send Along the "Fudge."

Toronto, March 6, 1908.
Editor.—I have been an interested
reader of this column for some time
but it is only today that I have screwed
up courage to join. I am not so sure
that I joined as that I was pushed in
as we get this publication in our office
and someone lit on the correspondence
columns and thought it just the thing
for an old maid like me, too timid to
foot her own horn, and that I was let-
ting Leap Year slip by without accom-
plishing anything, it was just what
Cupid would prescribe for my case.
I want to be loved, I want to be
loved but I am so shy don't you see—
why don't somebody please take a hint
and make a fuss over me?

I suppose the first thing is a descrip-
tion of myself. Well, I am an Ameri-
can by birth, 17 years old 5 feet 8
inches tall and weight about 140 pounds.
My eyes are large and dark blue, I have
a good complexion, and hair shading
between blonde and a brown-haired
brunette and, incline to be curly.
Mother says I am pretty (but how can
she help it, as I am the dead image of
her?) Am a stenographer in Toronto
and well educated. Like walking,

skating, dancing, singing, etc., and if
any bachelor in this column is a base-
ball fan he is the boy for me.

Was quite interested in "Handsome
Gent's" letter but I sadly fear that if it
is a farmer's wife that he is looking
for I should not qualify, as fudge is the
only thing I can make, but if I do say
it myself, I can make that. If "Hand-
some Gent" likes, will have much plea-
sure in sending him the recipe and a
sample, too. (N. B.—Will also send a
sample to the editor if he is curious
and not afraid).

Most of the girls in this column get
right down to business and are all good
cooks, etc., and the men are nearly all
models, neither drinking nor smoking—
there is nothing like that in their
family. Personally, I think a man with
a bad temper infinitely worse than a
man who smokes, and I find that an in-
veterate smoker seldom has any other
vices.

The kind of correspondent I would like
to have would be between twenty and
thirty years old, tall, muscular, good
natured, humorous, and all around good
company—fond of sports, dancing and
a good card player.

I thoroughly enjoyed "John Bunyan's"
letter. Also "Loop the Loops" and
"Will's Brother's". One touch of hu-
mor makes the whole world grin, you
know. If I weren't so far under forty
I would make an attempt to gain their
affections. Alas, I am not the one to
land the boys—I can win them but I
don't keep them. They tell me that I
am too much of a jollier and that I am
the same to them all. However, I am
a friend to them all, bless 'em, and
when I am satisfied I guess they should
be, too. You see, I can't give my heart
to just one—I like them all, some.

Now, I never took a prize for cook-
ing so suppose I am scratched in the
matrimonial race, but if any bachelor
wishes to correspond with a giddy old
maid like me for pastime, well, "Barkis
is willin'" but he must write first.
"Shy Ann."

Prospector and Post.

Hedley, B. C., March, 20, 1908.
Editor.—If you will allot me a little
space in the correspondence column, I
shall be simply delighted, as any bache-
lor should be to have the opportunity
of placing a few lines where the roving
eyes of some happy lass may chance to
fall, for a few seconds.

Here I am, only one of the many
bachelors that have been kicking
around for a good while, consequently
not any better than the rest of them.

The only winning card I have is that
of not using liquor, tobacco or bad
language. This, of course, doesn't help
a fellow out much, as most of the girls
want a man that can take a drink or
leave it alone, and one who is, as they
term, gay and full of fun.

I am not much of a talker, so that my
little bunch of daisies will need an ex-
tra gift of gab in order to keep things
balanced up properly. But according
to what most married men say, there is
no need to worry about the gab ques-
tion, for they say when a woman's jaw
gets to wagging there is no such a
thing as stopping it.

Well, my little dearie need not
bother stopping as long as she don't
get too many black looks and broken
broom handles mixed up in the conver-
sation.

Some of our lady correspondents can
use the pen almost as deadly as others
do the broom handle; that is, when it
comes to giving bachelors a hard hit in
their way through the correspondence
columns. Well, probably they are giv-
ing a great many of us our just dues.

But say, ladies, you can't expect to
find very many angels while you have
your feet on this old world of ours.
Neither can you expect to find many
saints riding bronchos through the
bunch grass. So you might as well give
up the notion of looking for them. Now
if you will allow me the privilege, I
will continue in a sort of half rhyme
fashion called "This Bachelor's Toast."

Why should we lead a lonesome life,
That's simply just a blank
Without the sweet cares of a loving
wife,
For to die as a bachelor crank?

For a bachelor's life 'tis a lonesome one,
That don't fulfil Dame Nature's law,
As he grouches, growls and gropes along
With a mopish, sullen awe.

Then to be wise, start right today
To court some happy miss,
And don't get faint or give away
Till her rosy lips you've kissed.

And if you pledge to be as one,
To unite as man and wife,
Make your solemn vow, from an honest
brow,
And your promise keep through life.

That to make this an earthly bliss,
'Twill be your aim and faith,
Then the essential joys of happiness
Will last till your dying day.

"Prospector."

Praise from a Queen City Lass.

Toronto, March 11, 1908.
Editor.—Your valuable magazine has
been a great source of pleasure to me
for the past year, and many pleasant
evenings have a number of us girls
spent together reading the correspond-
ence column, which has afforded us lots
of amusement.

While I don't approve of people cor-
responding with matrimonial intentions,



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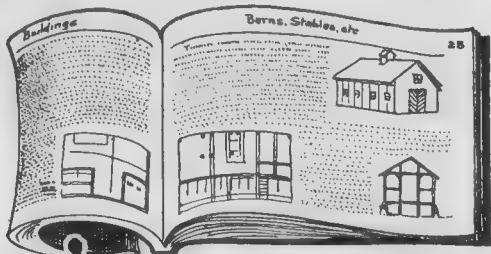
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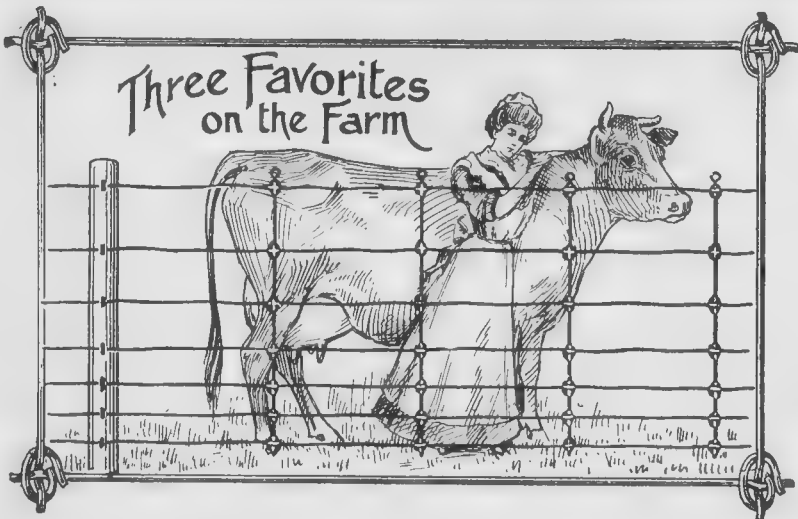
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"Toronto."

Alberta, Feb. 10, 1908.

Editor.—As I am an interested reader of the W. H. M., I decided to join the correspondence columns along with the many other old bachelors. Some of the letters are very amusing as well as interesting.

Seeing others give a description of themselves, I will fall in line. I have often met the train and not stopped it, so my looks are passable. I am dark, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weigh about 165 pounds, am 27 years old. I am Irish Canuck. I would like to correspond with any good sensible girl for pastime, to start with.

"Sage Brush Pete."

A Very Modest Man.

Glenemma, B. C., March 25, 1908.

Editor.—I am a reader of your magazine and take great interest in reading your valuable paper.

I would like a little space in your correspondence columns. I have been batching for ten years and am a good cook. I am very tired of batching, for life isn't worth living without a wife, as I know from my experience.

I am 5 feet 8½ inches tall, weigh 160 pounds, have black glossy hair, 26 years of age. I am considered the most handsome man of Salmon River valley. I would like to correspond with girls between eighteen and 25 years of age who want a pretty man. Must be a Methodist church member.

"A Pretty Man."

Blue Nose Would Correspond.

Vernon, B. C., March 11, 1908.

Editor.—I am a regular reader of your valuable magazine and consider it is second to none. The correspondence column is very interesting and entertaining. It gives us a splendid study in human nature, and I have no doubt is directly and indirectly the means by which many of us are drawn nearer in friendly relationship. I will hope to see this part of the paper continued so long as the spirit of honorable sentiment prevails.

I would be pleased to open a correspondence with some nice young ladies who are interested here. My name is with the editor.

"Blue Nose."

Short and to the Point.

Saskatoon, March 17, 1908.

Editor.—I am a bachelor, with good one-half section, well educated, 36 years of age, temperate and steady. Would like to correspond with any nice girl who would not object to a pioneer life, one that has been accustomed to life on a farm.

"Gilbert."

Roses in Full Bloom.

Ontario, March 22, 1908.

Editor.—Here are two Ontario girls who have been reading your worthy W. H. M. and thought we would like to write to the correspondence column, hoping this will find a place among the many.

We have found your paper very useful and interesting. As for the correspondence column, we enjoy it very much, and think some of the letters very witty, and in touch with our own ideas, especially "Yorkshire Bright's" letter of January.

How delightful this world would be if we all would try and make life happy, and what a good deed we Ontario girls would be doing if we could only help cheer some of the lives of the noble bachelors of the West.

We girls delight in a good time, but do not indulge in dancing as some of the fair readers do. Our home is on the farm, although we have lived in the city, so have obtained knowledge of both city and country life, and enjoy either.

"The Red Rose No. 5" is 5 feet 4 inches tall, black hair, brown eyes, weighs 125 pounds, and is 20 years old.

"The White Rose No. 3" has brown hair, blue eyes, 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighs 128 pounds, and is 20 years old. Both fair and are considered good looking. Do not like to express our own ideas for we might exaggerate.

Now, we would like to hear from some of the nice bachelors of the West, if they will write first, as we are "a wee bit bashful" to write first, but will be pleased to answer all letters received.

We will leave our address with the editor. Hoping this is not too long, we will sign ourselves, as we are,

"The Red Rose and White Rose."

"Norma" Joins the Circle.

Foxwarren, Man., March 21, 1908.

Editor.—I have many times thought I would write to your interesting correspondence department. I now take the liberty of doing so.

I have been a close reader of these letters for nearly two years, following with great interest the squabbles between many of the writers.

Many of them of both sexes seem to

be in a great way for fear they will get left when pairing time comes.

Now, I am not that way myself, but would answer any letters addressed to me, as this correspondence among your readers might be the means of joining many who would otherwise live a life of single blessedness.

It seems to be the rule to give a short description of oneself so I may as well follow it. Age 18, height 5 feet 4 inches, weight 138 pounds, rather dark complexion, and black hair. Am a general favorite with the boys around here. I will try to answer all letters addressed to me from either sex. I will close with best wishes to yourself and all your readers. I am, yours very truly,

Norma."

Modest Sort of Girl.

Oberon, Man., March 24, 1908.

Editor.—While spending the winter months with a friend I made the acquaintance of the W. H. M. I was not long in becoming interested in the correspondence column and with my friend "Oberon Girl No. 1," was anxious to try my luck. Hoping my letter will find favor, and I hope to receive some letters from the "lonely boys" we read so much about. If a prompt reply will make life any brighter they shall have it.

I like the letter signed "Interested." I have a brother who is a "Knight of the grip" and "a fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind."

I don't think I shall take up space with a description of myself. Time enough to give that when some of the "Boys" write and ask for it. Who will be the first, I wonder?

"Oberon Girl No. 2."

Souvenir Gatherers Not Wanted.

Vernon, B. C., March 11, 1908.

Editor.—I have been a reader of the Western Home Monthly for two years and like it very much. It is amusing to read the different ideas in the correspondence column.

My idea of a wife is a "help-meet," not a "help-eat."

I agree with "Blueberry" in February number, about those men who are afraid that the girl will do a little work when they are married. I know a young farmer in Manitoba who would not allow a woman on the farm to milk cows before he left home to marry. But many a time has he asked his wife to milk the cows since.

I batched for two months and got my fill of it. I can tell one or two funny experiences.

My idea of a wife like suiting me is the daughter of a good mother, with a fair complexion, dark eyes, dark hair, tall, able to play some instrument, and, above all, a fine spirit.

I come from one of the border countries of Britain. I am 26 years of age, weigh 175 pounds net weight. Fair complexion, grey eyes, dark brown hair, strong constitution. Affectionate nature, Christian, total abstainer, abhor chewing tobacco, but smoke a little, just for company sometimes. I am not in a hurry to marry, but would like to correspond with a nice girl, with view to matrimony.

Any girl gathering souvenirs need not express any wish to hear from me personally.

"Farmer's Man."

Pitiful Pete has the Floor.

Austin, Man., March 17, 1908.

Editor.—Although not a subscriber to your interesting magazine, I occasionally enjoy the opportunity of reading a copy, and, noting that your correspondence page is open to all, I thought I would write a short letter, hoping you will allow space for it.

I think this correspondence business is all right for amusement or pastime, but as for anything more serious I think one needs a personal knowledge before he forms any intimate friendship with those of the opposite sex. Not many men would buy a horse without seeing it, and isn't the choosing of a wife a far more serious matter than a horse deal?

I am not on the matrimonial market yet and am not at all good looking, but would like to exchange a few letters for pastime only with some of the fair sex.

I would like a girl correspondent about 16 or 17 years old, and don't care a continental what color her hair or her eyes may be as long as she is gentle and kind and true. Of course I do not measure up to this standard myself, but it is always human nature to like your opposite best.

Now, I will leave my address with the editor, hoping some nice girl will take pity on and write to "Pitiful Pete."

A Widow With Experience.

Calgary, March 18, 1908.

Editor.—As I have taken a great deal of interest in your correspondence column in the Western Home Monthly, I thought I would write and add a little myself.

I have not been in the West very long as I only came from Ontario about five months ago, but I will say I like it very much.

Some of the letters are so very amusing on both sides. It seems to me some of the writers want a wife or husband on the cut-to-order style. I think myself that there is a great deal to be said on both sides as I am a widow and have seen a lot of life both on this and the other side of the line.

Don't think by that, that I am as old as the ark or as the country is, for I

am not as old in years as experience. I pity some of the poor bachelors out in the West who are lonesome for I know what it is like, as I am almost a stranger here.

None of my relations are in this part, only a brother. I also have a sister in British Columbia who has married one of the lonesome ones. But I really think I see this starting a fire, so I had better stop.

If any one wishes to write to me I will answer their letters gladly. Wishing your column every success. I will close.
"An Ontario Widow".

Has a Travelling Education.

Manitoba, March 20, 1908.
Editor.—Though not a subscriber to your paper I have the privilege of reading it from a friend of mine and consider it a high class publication and find the correspondence department very interesting. I should like to write a good long letter to these columns but as this is my first I fear I should be intruding in taking up so much of your valuable space.

However, I suppose I may consider myself a bachelor along with the rest but not one of the old kind. I am young, considered good looking, blue eyes, fair wavy hair. I am 5 feet 11 inches tall and weigh 160 pounds. Have a good business, also a good travelling education. Any good young lady who would care to correspond with me will find my address with the editor. Wishing your paper every success, I will sign myself what they call me, "Sunshine."

Drunkard Don't Deserve a Wife.

Lemberg, Sask., March 10, 1908.
Editor.—Being an interested reader of the Western Home Monthly for some time past, I thought I would like to have a few words with the readers of such a grand paper.

I quite agree with "Balcarres Rosebud." She writes a very sensible letter. I do not blame any girl for not having anything to do with a whisky drinker. Any man that goes and gets drunk don't deserve a wife.

Now a word about myself. I am 5 feet 9 inches tall, weight 160 pounds, do not drink anything stronger than water; and if it came to good looks, well, I guess I would pass in a good big crowd. Also have a good share of the world's goods, one-half section of land, horses, machinery and an up-to-date threshing machine.
"Black Sheep Bill."

No Girls Within Ten Miles.

Saskatchewan, March 30, 1908.
Editor.—I am a reader of the W. H. M. and think it an excellent magazine. I take great interest in the correspondence columns.

There certainly are some funny letters in the columns written by bachelors of the wild and woolly West. And here am I, one of the same ilk. I am trying my best to hold down a claim but it is a hard job, as it is pretty tame after what I had been accustomed to. There are no girls within ten miles of me, so I am not bothered much by them, but there are plenty bachelors around here.

I was at a party twelve miles from here and there were only three young ladies present, but there were forty all told, including quite a number of married people and bachelors. So I think I shall seek some nice correspondents in the W. H. M., but I hope no one will get excited, as I am not on the market as yet. I think as some young lady, naming herself "A Yorkshire Lassie," said about marrying, not to jump into it with your eyes shut. Though corresponding is a good way to pass the long winter evenings by writing such an interesting club.

I am not going to describe myself fully as I could not do myself justice, but will say that I am dark, 20 years of age and 5 feet 8 inches. I don't drink anything stronger than strong tea, but plenty of that.

So drop me a line, ladies, and all will be answered. My address is in editor's care. Wishing this paper every success.
"Piker."

Scotch Bill Looking Eastward.

Calgary, March 14, 1908.
Editor.—I am a subscriber and reader of your splendid paper the W. H. M. In the January issue there is a letter from "The Lily of the East," in which she says she would like to exchange cards with anyone. Would you please send me her address, as I believe she has given you permission to do so, and I would like very much to correspond with her or at least to exchange a few pictorial cards as she wishes. Wishing your paper all success.
"Scotch Bill."

Two of a Kind Want a Wife.

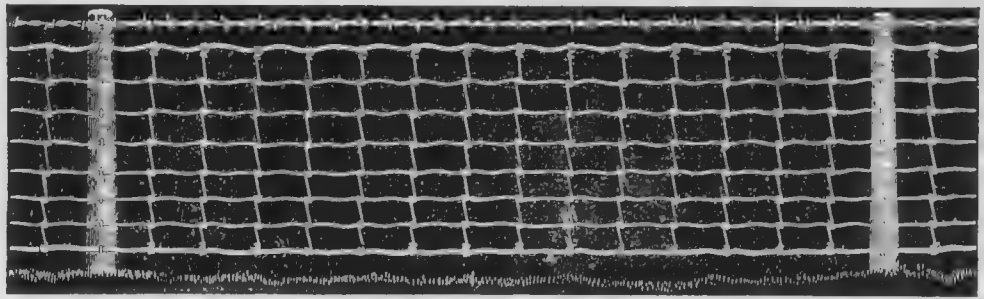
Manitoba, March 10, 1908.
Editor.—I have been a reader of your valuable paper for some time and have been very interested in the correspondence columns. I think you are doing great work bringing the bachelors and girls together.

I am one of those so-called lonely bachelors of the northwest, but it is not so lonesome where I am as it is in one of the oldest settled parts and the best district for farming. It is a great place for sport such as picnics in the summer and there are games of nearly every kind.
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A friend of mine who is in about the same circumstances would also like to hear from some fair lady who isn't over 25. I will close, hoping to see this in print and wishing your paper every success. We will sign ourselves,
"Manitoba Farmers."

Couldn't Love a Smoker.

Oberon, Man., March 14, 1908.
Editor.—The W. H. M. has been a welcome visitor in our home for some years. And while I have been an interested reader it has taken me some time to decide to join the band of ladies fair who on deeds of charity intent are trying to make life more pleasant for the bachelors in the North West.

I am proud to say that this is my native land and I have met a good many of the so-called lonely fellow and for my part find them jolly fellows and can't see where they are in need of so much consideration as most of the letters would lead me to think.

Although I am a farmer's daughter I have some time at my disposal and would be glad if "Jolly Farmer" would write or in fact any of the boys who care to write to me will receive a prompt reply.

I am eighteen years old, have dark brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, can play and sing, so can amuse my husband in the evening after he has done a hard day's work, while he is smoking the pipe "of peace." But then we are not going to have any rackets so it won't be necessary to have a pipe at all as I don't love the weed and couldn't love the one who used it.
"Oberon Girl No. 1."

Boys, What Do You Think of Her?

Brookdale, Man., March 10, 1908.
Editor.—I have been a reader of your paper for some years. The correspondence pages amuse me very much. I thought I would write a letter for amusement, by this letter I may have the good luck to get a man.

I would like very much to correspond with any of the young bachelors that write to your paper trying to get wives. I am good looking, with fair hair and blue eyes. I am only nineteen. If I should get a man, I want one that neither smokes, chews, swears nor drinks. He must be a Christian. I am not particular what occupation my future husband has. Yours truly
"Sweet Rose Bud."

Bachelors Should Hustle Around.

Daysland, Alta., March 17, 1908.
Editor.—Although not a subscriber of your interesting magazine, we have the privilege of reading it and hope you will spare us a space in your magazine.

We live on farms in Alberta but are American girls. Say, the girls must be scarce where some of the bachelors live. We think if they would get out and hustle they would get a girl sooner than by advertising. We think some haven't sand enough to ask a girl, they think it is easier to write.

We would rather see the fellow and know something about him before writing anything on matrimonial subjects.

Before we finish we will describe ourselves. We are both light complected, have dark hair and eyes, height 4 feet 4 inches, our weight 139. Our chief amusements are dancing and skating.

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"The Montrose Chums."

"Old Bachelor" Makes Plea.

Alberta, March 26, 1908.

Editor.—Though not a regular subscriber of your magazine, I have read several copies and have been interested and somewhat amused at some of the letters in your correspondence columns.

I notice that in closing their letters the majority of the maidens ask for, or would like to have, "young bachelor" correspondents. Now, is it fair that the older bachelors should be passed by? Even if some of us have passed the age of twenty-five, or even thirty, should we be completely, or nearly so, excluded from the pleasure of corresponding with some unknown friends?

If some of the young maidens were to come to Alberta or Saskatchewan they would find some "old bachelors," as we are called, as good natured, good hearted and even broader minded, mainly men as they would find among the younger men. Even if the "old bachelors" have passed their boyhood there is no reason that they would not make as good, if not better, correspondents, or even husbands, than the "young bachelors."

I think we old bachelors would appreciate a good wife more than the younger ones, for we have lived longer and should know more about batching than the younger ones.

I, for one, would do my best to make a good woman happy and contented. Hoping the young maidens will not think me conceited, I am,

"One Old Bachelor."

Letters Exchanged.

Space will not permit us to print a complete list of the letters received and exchanged from this office relative to our correspondence page. We present to our readers a brief summary and partial list which demonstrates very clearly that the interest in our correspondence page is on the increase.

Mailed from Addressed to
Winnipeg "Handsome Widow"
Innisfail, Alta. "Jane"
Cupar, Sask. "June"
Cupar, Sask. "Wood Violet"
Dysart, Sask. "Flossie"
Kenmay, Man. "Glenboro Beauty"
Neo, Man. "Pick-axe Bill"
Stettler, Alta. "Sweet Nell"
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Regina, Sask. "Alberta"
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Touchwood Hills Lake

Manson, Man. "Glenboro Beauty"
Alleghany, Pa. "Bonny Lass"
Alleghany, Pa. "Mr. Dooley"
Alleghany, Pa. "A Pine Cat"
Caron, Sask. "Melba No. 2"
Calgary, Alta. "Melba No. 2"
Danby, B.C. "Handsome Widow"
Macdonald, Man. "June"
Winnipeg "Strawberry"
Stoughton, Sask. "Sweet Nell"
Macoun, Sask. "Alberta"
Hardisty, Alta. "Handsome Widow"
Calgary "The Kid"
Moose Jaw, Sask. "Violet"
Winnipeg "June"
Maple Creek, Sask. "Lauretta"
Calderwood, Ont. "Rosebud No. 3"
Sperling, Man. "Busyboddy"
Milestone, Sask. "Glenboro Beauty"
Milestone, Sask. "Ripe Strawberry"
Alleghany, Pa. "Sunny Jim"
Winnipeg "Two Squashes"
Wilcox, Sask. "Daisy"
Summerberry, Sask. "Dimples"
Summerberry, Sask. "Interested Reader"
Crooked River, Sask. "Dark Eyed Joe"
Crooked River, Sask. "May Flower"
Wadena, Sask. "Dimples"
Holmstead, Alta. "Handsome Widow"
Holmstead, Alta. "Sweet Nell"
Mayton, Alta. "Handsome Maiden"
Kinistino, Sask. "Handsome Gent"
Millet, Alta. "Sweet Nell"
Creston, B. C. "Pretty Polly"
Kingsview, Sask. "Rosebud No. 3"
Maidstone, Sask. "Dolly Verne"
Arcola, Sask. "Rosebud No. 3"
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Rouleau, Sask. "Rosebud No. 3"
Ferne, B.C. "Widower"
Didsbury, Alta. "Sweet Nell"
Oxbow, Sask. "Alberta"
Oxbow, Sask. "Mischief"
Edmonton "Melba No. 2"
Nokomis, Sask. "Light o' the Morning"
Greenfield, N.S. "Farmer Boy"
Colchester, N.S. "High Ball"
Rouleau, Sask. "Product of the West"
Rapid City, Man. "Dare Devil Jack"
Kimberly, Alta. "Alberta"
Wishart, Sask. "Nora"
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Alix, Alta. "Melba No. 2"
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Saskatoon, Sask. "Mira"
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Editor.—Will you please insert the following in the correspondence columns of your splendid magazine.

I am very fond of illustrated postal cards and I would like to exchange some with the boy readers of your magazine.

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The "Money" Very Necessary.

Ont., Feby. 14, 1908.

Editor.—Will you try to find space in your paper for my letter. I have been a reader of the W.H.M. for some time and like to read all the correspondence column.

Seeing that every person gives a description of himself I will try, I am 5 foot 7 inches and weigh 135 lbs., have brown eyes, and fair hair.

I am 20 years of age.

My father is a M.P.P.

I have two brothers, one is an engineer the other a lawyer and my sister a "School Marm."

The folks are all out this evening so I am writing this letter without the knowledge of the family.

I am rather wild on account of travelling a great deal.

I am very fond of a good time.

I can sing and play the piano. No man who is not the proud possessor of money will suit me. "A Caged Owl."

Sixty and Shy.

Ontario, Feby. 14, 1908.

Editor.—I am a maiden lady of sixty summers but have never yet had a proposal although it is not my fault.

While a girl I lived in a newly settled district and my father having very strict ideas in regard to the attentions which young men should pay me I naturally was left out, in fact shunned by the opposite sex.

My father accompanied me to and from church and elsewhere. I was never allowed to go until the present time.

Lately we have begun to take your most excellent paper and now I am writing this on the sly.

Although sixty years of age, having lived such an unconventional life no one would think from my appearance I am more than twenty. Any dude with the dough will do. I think "Railroader No. 1" would just suit me as he merely wishes some one who is after the dough.

"Unclaimed Treasure."

Ellen Jane Baits Her Hook.

Editor.—I have for some time been an interested reader of the correspondence page in the Western Home Monthly and would like to have a word also.

I am a young girl 21 years old, with auburn hair and brown eyes, fair complexion and am fairly good looking and I have a good temper and kind disposition.

My height is 5 feet 6 inches, my weight 141 pounds, I am well built.

I can cook and am a good house-keeper.

I can cook good enough for any white man.

I can milk a cow or harness a horse, feed pigs and calves if they do not kick too hard. I like raising chickens and I can ride horse-back or drive.

I am a dressmaker and can make shirts and pants if necessary. I would like a man that don't use tobacco of any kind, nor swear, nor drink liquor of any kind.

I like the letter of "Wild Bill No. 1" in December issue, if I could not get along with his mother it would not be my fault.

I have no parents nor no small brother.

I like dancing and could teach him if he is not too stupid.

I would like a man that would let me go out when I like whether my work was done or not.

When I get married I expect to be boss of myself I do not want to boss my husband or his parents, or him to be boss of me.

I do not mind feeding pigs and other animals once in a great while when he is away but I expect to go out with him sometimes.

I expect him to bring in wood and water when he is on the farm.

I would like to correspond with any nice young man who does not smoke nor chew, swear or drink liquor of any kind and has a kind disposition and he must be honest. No young man that is not nice need apply.

Will answer all letters. "Ellen Jane."

Just an Ordinary Girl.

Carnduff, Sask. Feby. 15, 1908.

Editor.—For sometime I have been a reader of your popular paper, especially the correspondence page, and think that under the conditions which prevail here in the West, it forms a good means of enabling young people to become acquainted, although I do not see how two young people could consent to take such a serious step as marrying without being better acquainted than they could possibly become through correspondence alone.

A great many of the girls seem to be too hard on the men and want them to do everything while they spend their lives in ease and comfort, doing fancy work, playing the piano, etc.

I do not see any harm at all in a woman doing a little work out of doors, especially in summer, but do not think that she should do so much that she would have neither time nor strength to do her housework properly.

For wouldn't it be worse for a husband to come home to an untidy house, a poorly cooked dinner, and a tired, cross wife, than to have to do a little more work himself?

But it seems to me that husband and wife should be cheerful companions, sharing each other's burdens, helping each other whenever there is occasion and, above all, doing their best to have a happy, cheerful, home, no matter how poor or humble.

I am just an ordinary farmer's daughter both in appearance and character having just as many, if not more, faults as the next one, very fond of all outdoor sports, nature, music, poetry, and can enjoy a little fun as well as anyone.

I am not on the matrimonial list yet but if any one wishes to correspond with me am willing to answer all letters. I do not object to town bachelors, for example "Brick Dust" in December issue. I might say that I heartily agree with "Red Ensign" in the December issue.

"An Ordinary Girl."

Letter from Land of the Rose.

Burton-on-Trent, England.

Feby. 20th, 1908.

Editor.—I wrote about three months ago and as I have seen nothing of

letter I expect it reached the waste paper basket. Most likely this will do the same. We all look forward to the W. H. M. coming each month, the time that it is ordered for will not be up yet and I hope to renew the subscription then.

I have had 4 brothers and a sister-in-law in Canada until lately, when one of the boys came home for the winter, he hopes to return to Canada in the spring.

I am not writing with any thoughts of matrimony as it is too far away but if any one of either sex would care to exchange post cards or letters with me I would be glad.

We live in a quiet place and it cheers anyone to get nice friendly letters.

I am an only daughter with seven brothers, the eldest is 28 and the youngest is 9, and I come in somewhere among them.

I know more about boys than girls having no sisters of my own; and I always find my mother the best woman friend I have. I hope some one will write if this doesn't find the waste paper basket. Wishing your jolly paper every success. I lend it to friends.

"Jessamine."

Would Correspond with Western Boys.

Allegheny, Pa., U.S.A., Jan. 29, 1908.
Editor.—I notice you have a Yankee boy correspondent, although he is now in Canada. Please may a Yankee girl join, who has never been in your part of the world? I have enjoyed the correspondence column very much, and would like to know if someone wouldn't like to write to one of Uncle Sam's girls. However, I am not in the market for a mate, and don't care to write to anyone who "takes a drink when he wants one." That "ain't no good way," boys.

"Handsome Gent," do you suppose for a minute that "Peggy McCarthy" meant every word she said in her letter? Of course I don't know her, but I'll wager that she can do all the things she said she couldn't, and enjoy a joke more than lots of other people. "Lazy Bill," how in this world does it happen that you are advertising for a wife? Why, you are the ideal of most every girl I know. Please tell me what a Doukhobor is. It must be a Canadian term. It amuses me to see young men of 20 and 21 referring to themselves as bachelors. Where I live the boys are hardly out of school at that age much less thinking of embarking on the sea of matrimony.

My age is 23. I am not very large neither am I very small. My hair is light, and I was never accused of being pretty, but as I am not looking for some one to sit across the table from me, I guess that won't make much difference.

Hoping someone will be interested enough to correspond with me I remain,
"Fair Lillian."

Madge a Letter Writer.

Editor.—Through the kindness of a friend, I was enabled to spend some time in the pleasant perusal of the "Western Home Monthly," and though not a subscriber as yet, I hope to become one in the near future, and beg to enclose herewith 50 cents in stamps for subscription thereto.

I am very much interested in a letter in the October Number of your most excellent magazine, and would be very pleased if you would kindly forward the enclosed letter to "Lord Byron No. 2."

My home has, during the greater portion of my life, been in Ontario and I was born down in the eastern part of the province.

As I am fond of letter-writing, that being my occupation, it would afford me a great deal of pleasure to be permitted to correspond with some member of your club.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in this matter, and wishing you and your magazine unlimited success,
"Madge."

Modest Sort of Man.

Swan Lake, March, 18, 1908.

Editor.—I am a subscriber to the W. H. M. and have read with pleasure your magazine and would like to correspond with some lady about 28 or 30. I am a bachelor and have some property, but not wealthy. I don't want a slave, but a helper. If any lady will send me her address I will write to her.
"Lonely One."

A Chance for Farmers' Daughters.

Saskatchewan, March 14, 1908.

Editor.—I have long been an interested reader of your valuable magazine and to say that I much appreciate its contents would be drawing it mild.

As I am a bachelor of the plains I may not become one of your circle of correspondents? I enjoy very much the letters of both sexes and hope that some fair young maiden will be so condescending as to favor me with a line or two.

I am a farmer and would like a few letters from farmers' daughters. I may say that I am 5 feet 7 inches tall, weigh 155 pounds, brown hair, grey eyes, fair complexion and have a fairly good disposition. Any one that may think me of enough interest to write to will find a reply. Wishing your paper every success, I remain, yours
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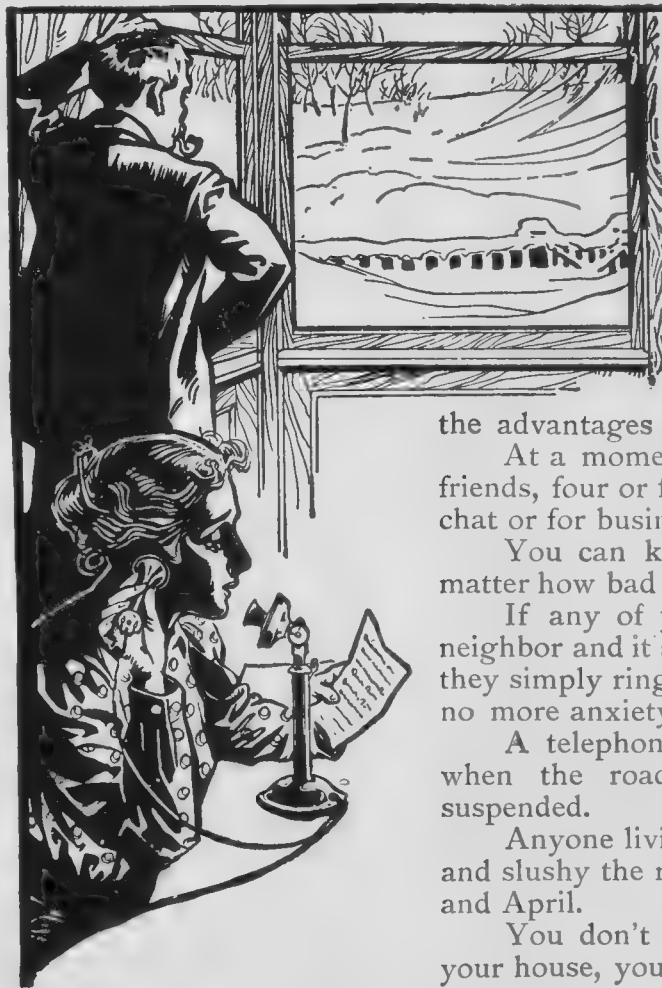
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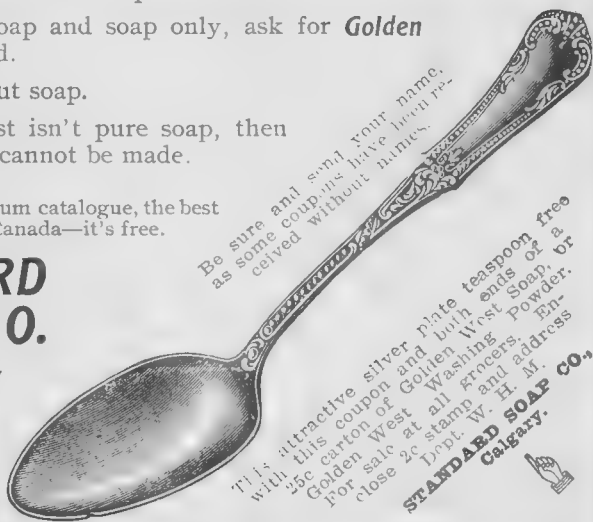
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The Romance of an Ox-Team.

By Charles C. D. Roberts.

The oxen, lean and rough-haired, one of them carrot red, the other brindle and white, were slouching inertly along the narrow backwoods road. From habit they sagged heavily on the yoke, and groaned huge windy sighs, although the vehicle they were hauling held no load. This structure, the mere skeleton of a cart, consisted of two pairs of clumsy, broad-tired wheels, united by a long tongue of ash whose tip was tied with rope to the middle of the forward axle. The road looked innocent of even the least of the country-road-master's well-meaning attempts at repair—a circumstance, indeed, which should perhaps be set to its credit. It was made up of four deep, parallel ruts, the two outermost eroded by years of journeying cart-wheels, the inner ones worn by the companioning hoofs of many a yoke of oxen. Down the centre ran a high and grassy ridge, intolerable to the country parson and the country doctor, compelled to traverse this highway in their one-horse wagons. From ruts and ridges alike protruded the imperishable granite boulder, which wheels and feet might polish but never efface. On either side of the roadway was traced an erratic furrow professing to do duty for a drain, and at intervals emptying a playful current across the track to wander down the ruts.

Along beside the slouching team slouched a tall, lank, stoop-shouldered youth, the white down just beginning to stiffen into bristles on his long upper lip. His pale eyes and pale hair looked yet paler by contrast with his thin, red, wind-roughened face. In his hand he carried a long-handled ox-whip, with a short goad in the butt of it.

"Gee, Buck!" he drawled, prodding the near ox lightly in the ribs. And the team lurched to the right to avoid a markedly obtrusive boulder. "Haw, Bright!" he ejaculated a minute later, flicking with his whip the off shoulder of the farther ox. And with sprawling legs and swaying of hind-quarters the team swerved obediently to the left, shunning a mire-hole that would have taken in the wheel to the hub. Presently, coming to a swampy spot that stretched all the way across the road, the youth seated himself sideways on the narrow tongue connecting the fore and hind axles, and drove his team dry-shod.

It was a slow and creaking progress; but there seemed to be no hurry, and the youth dreamed gloomily on his jolting perch. His eyes took no note of the dark-mossed, scrubby hillocks, the rough clearings blackened with fire, the confused and ragged woods, as they crept past in sombre procession. But suddenly, as the cart rounded a turn in the road, there came into view the figure of a girl travelling in the same direction. The young man slipped from his perch and prodded up the oxen to a brisk walk.

As the noise of the team approached her, the girl looked around. She was good to see, with her straight, vigorous young figure in its blue-gray homespun gown. Her hair, in color not far from that of the red ox, was rich and abundant, and lay in a coil so gracious that not even the tawdry millinery of her cheap "store" hat could make her head look quite commonplace. Her face was freckled, but wholesome and comely. A shade of displeasure passed over it as she saw who was behind her, and she hastened her steps perceptibly. But presently she remembered that she had a good five miles to go ere she would reach her destination; and she realized that she could not hope to escape by flight. With a pout of vexation she resigned herself to the inevitable, and dropped back into her former pace. Immediately the ox team overtook her.

As the oxen slowed up she stepped to the right to let them pass, and then walked on, thus placing the cart between herself and her undesired companion. The youth looked disconcerted by these tactics, and for a few moments

could find nothing to say. Then, dropping his long white lashes sheepishly, he murmured, "Good-day, Liz."

"Well, Jim-Ed!" replied the girl, coolly.

"Won't ye set on an' let me give ye a lift home?" he asked, with entreaty in his voice.

"No," she said, with finality; "I'd rather walk."

Not knowing how to answer this rebuff he tried to cover his embarrassment by exclaiming authoritatively, "Haw, Bright!" whereupon the team slewed to the left and crowded him into the ditch.

Soon he began again.

"Ye might set on, Liz," he pleaded.

"Yes, I might," said she, with what she considered rather withering smartness; "but I ain't a-goin' to."

"Ye'll be tired afore ye git home," he persisted, encouraged by finding that she would talk back at him.

"James-Ed A'ki'son," she declared, with emphasis, "if ye think that I'm a-goin' to be beholden to you fer a lift, ye're mistaken, that's all."

After this there was a silence for some time, broken only by the rattling and bumping of the cart, and once by the whirr of a woodcock that volleyed across the road. Young Atkinson chewed the cud of gloomy bewilderment. At length he roused himself to another effort.

"Liz," said he, plaintively, "y' ain't been like ye used to be, sence ye come back from the States."

"Ain't I?" she remarked, indifferently.

"No, Liz, ye ain't," he repeated, with a sort of pathetic emphasis, as if eager to persuade himself that she had condescended to rebut his accusation. "Ye ain't been like ye used to at all. Appears like as if ye thought us folks in the Settlement wasn't good enough fer ye now."

At this the girl tossed her head crossly.

"It appears like as if ye wanted to be back in the States ag'in," he continued, in a voice of anxious interrogation.

"My lands," exclaimed the girl, "but ye're green."

To the young man this seemed such an irrelevant remark that he was silent for some time, striving to fathom its significance. As his head sank lower and lower, and he seemed to lose himself completely in joyless reverie, the girl shot occasional glances at him out of the corners of her eyes. She had spent the preceding winter in a factory in a crude but stirring little New England town, and had come back to Nova Scotia ill content with the monotony of life in the backwoods seclusion of Wyer's Settlement. Before she went away she had been, to use the vernacular of the Settlement, "keepin' company with Jim-Ed A'ki'son;" and now, to her, the young man seemed to unite and concentrate in his person all that she had been wont to persuade herself she had outgrown. To be sure, she not seldom caught herself dropping back comfortably into the old conditions. But these symptoms stirred in her heart an uneasy resentment, akin to that which she felt whenever—as would happen at times—she could not help recognizing that Jim-Ed and his affairs were not without a passing interest in her eyes.

Now she began to grow particularly angry at him, because as she thought, "he hadn't nothing to say fer himself." Sadly to his disadvantage, she compared his simplicity and honest diffidence with the bold self-assertion and easy familiarity of the young fellows whom she had come in contact with during the winter. Their impertinences had offended her grievously at the time, but, woman-like, she permitted herself to forget that now, in order to accentuate the deficiencies of the man whom she was unwilling to think well of.

"My lands!" she reiterated to herself, with accumulated scorn, "but ain't he

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green? He—why, he wouldn't know a lectric car from a waterin'-cart. An' soft, too, takin' all my sass 'thout givin' me no lip back, no more'n if I was his mother!"

But the young man presently broke in upon these unflattering reflections. With a sigh he said, slowly, as if half to himself:

"Lands, but I used to set a powerful store by ye, Liz!"

He paused; and at that "used to" the girl opened her eyes with angry apprehension. But he went on:

"An' I set still more store by ye now, Liz, someways. Seems like I jest couldn't live without ye. I always did feel as how ye was too good, a sight too good, fer me, an' you so smart; an' now I feel it more'n ever, bein' 's ye've seen so much of the world like. But, Liz, I don't allow as it's right an' proper fer even you to look down the way ye do on the place ye was born in an' the folks ye was brung up with."

"My!" thought the girl to herself, "he's got some spunk after all, to get off such a speech as that, an' to rake me over the coals, too!"

But aloud she retorted, "Who's a-lookin' down on anybody, Jim-Ed A'ki-son? An' anyways, you ain't the whole of Wyer's Settlement, be ye?"

The justice of this retort seemed to strike the young man with great force.

"That's so," he acknowledged, gloomily. "Course I ain't. An' I s'pose I hadn't oughter said what I did."

Then he relapsed into silence. For half a mile he slouched on without a syllable, save an occasional word of command addressed to the team. Coming to another boggy bit of road, he seated himself dejectedly on the cart, and apparently would not presume to again press unwelcome assistance upon his fellow-wayfarer. Quite uncertain whether to interpret this action as excess of humility or as a severe rebuke, the girl picked her way as best she could, flushed with a sense of injury.

When the mud was past the young man absent-mindedly kept his seat. Beginning to boil with indignation, the girl speedily lost her confident superiority, and felt humiliated. She did not know exactly what to do. She could not continue to walk humbly beside the cart. The situation was profoundly altered by the mere fact that the young man was riding. She tried to drop behind; but the team had an infinite capacity for loitering. At last, with head high in the air, she darted ahead of the team, and walked as fast as she could. Although she heard no orders given by their driver, she knew at once that the oxen had quickened their pace, and that she was not leaving them behind.

Presently she found herself overtaken; whereupon, with swelling heart and face averted, she dropped again to the rear. She was drawing perilously near the verge of that feminine cataclysm, tears, when fate stepped in to save her from such a mortification.

Fate goes about in many merry disguises. At this juncture she presented herself under the aspect of two half-tipsy commercial travellers driving a single horse in a light open trap. They were driving in from the Settlement, in haste to reach the hotel at Bolton Corners before nightfall. The youth hawed his team vigorously till the high wheels were on the other side of the ditch, leaving a liberal share of the road for them to pass in.

But the drummers were not satisfied with this. After a glance at the bashful face and dejected attitude of the young man on the ox-cart, they decided that they wanted the whole road. When their horse's head almost touched the horns of the off ox, they stopped.

"Get out of the way there!" cried the man who held the reins, insolently.

At any other time Jim-Ed would have resented the town man's tone and words; just now he was thinking about the way Liz had changed.

"I've gi'n ye the best half o' the road, mister," he said deprecatingly, "an' I can't do no better fer ye than that."

"Yes, you can, too," shouted the driver of the trap; "you can give us the whole road. It won't hurt your old cart to go out in the stumps, but we ain't going to drive in the ditch, not by

a jugful. Get over, I tell you, and be quick about it."

To this the youth made no immediate reply; but he began to forget about the girl, and to feel himself growing hot.

As for the girl, she had stepped to the front, resolved to "show off" and to make very manifest to the city men her scorn for her companion. Her cheeks and eyes were flaming, and the drummers were not slow to respond to the challenge which she flashed at them from under her drooped lids.

"Ah, there, my beauty!" said the driver, his attention for a moment diverted from the question of right of way. His companion, a smallish man in striped trousers and fawn-colored overcoat, sprang lightly out of the trap, with the double purpose of clearing the road and amusing himself with Liz. The saucy smile with which she met him turned into a frown, however, as he began brutally kicking the knees of the oxen to make them stand over.

The patient brutes crowded into the ditch.

"Whoa, there! Gee, Buck! Gee, Bright!" ordered the youth, and the team lurched back into the road. At the same time he stepped over the cart beam and came forward on the off side of the team.

"Ye'd better quit that, mister!" he exclaimed, with a threatening note in his voice.

"Give the lout a slap in the mouth, and make him get out of the way," cried the man in the trap.

But the man in the fawn-colored overcoat was busy. Liz was much to his taste.

"Jump in and take a ride with us, my pretty," said he.

But Liz shrank away, regretting her provocative glances now that she saw the kind of men she had to do with.

"Come, come," coaxed the man, "don't be shy, my blooming daisy. We'll drive you right into the Corners and set up a good time for you." And grasping her hand, he slipped an arm about her waist and tried to kiss her lips. As she tore herself fiercely away, she heard the man in the trap laugh loud approval. She struck at her insulter with clenched hand; but she did not touch him, for just then something happened to him. The long arm of the youth went out like a cannon-ball, and the drummer sprawled in the ditch. He nimbly picked himself up and darted upon his assailant, while the man in the trap shouted to him encouragingly:

"Give it to him pretty, Mike."

But the young countryman caught him by the neck with long, vicious-like fingers, inexorable, and, holding him thus helpless at arm's length, struck him again heavily in the ribs, and hurled him over the ditch into a blueberry thicket, where he remained in dazed discretion.

Though of a lamb-like gentleness on ordinary occasions, the young countryman was renowned throughout the Settlement for the astonishing strength that lurked in his lean frame. At this moment he was well aroused, and Liz found herself watching him with a consuming admiration. He no longer slouched, and his pale eyes, like polished steel, shot a menacing gleam. He stepped forward and took the horse by the bridle.

"Now," said he to the driver, "I've gi'n ye half the road, an' if ye can't drive by in that I'm a-goin' to lead ye by, 'thout no more nonsense."

"Let go that bridle!" yelled the driver, standing up and lashing at him with the whip.

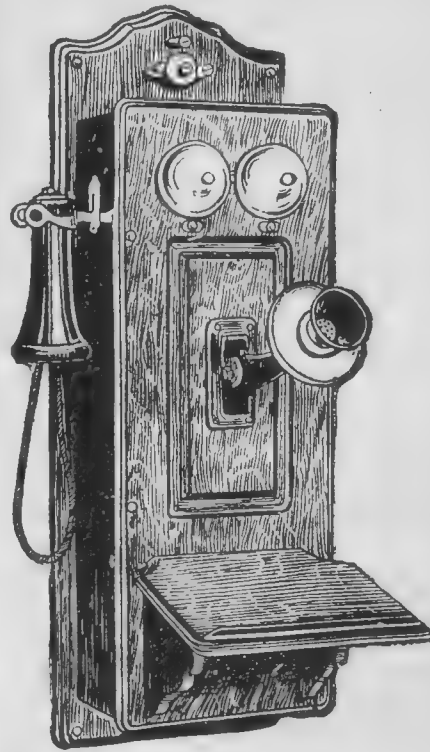
One stroke caught the young man down the side of the face, and stung. It was a rash stroke.

"Hold the horse's head, Liz," he cried; and, leaping forward, he reached into the trap for his adversary. Heeding not at all the butt end of the whip which was brought down furiously upon his head, he wrenched the driver ignominiously from his seat, spun him around, shook him as if he had been a rag baby, and hurled him violently against a rotten stump on the other side of the ditch. The stump gave way and the drummer splashed into a bog-hole.

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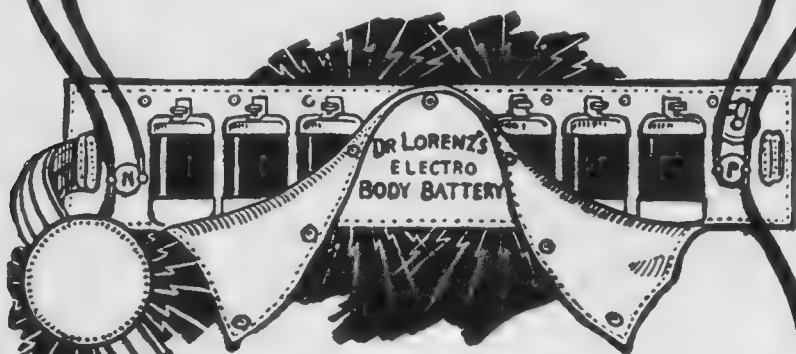
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than a shaking combined with a ducking. Without a word the drummer hauled himself out of the slop and walked sullenly forward. His companion joined him; and Liz, leading the horse and trap carefully past the cart, delivered them up to their owners with a sarcastic smile on her lips. Then she resumed her place beside the cart, the young man flicked the oxen gently, and the team once more got slowly under way.

As the discomfited drummers climbed into their trap, the girl, in the ardor of her suddenly adopted hero-worship, could not refrain from turning around again to triumph over them. When the men were fairly seated, and the reins gathered up for prompt departure, the smaller man turned suddenly and threw a large stone, with vindictive energy and deadly aim.

"Look out!" shrieked the girl; and the young countryman turned aside just in time to escape the full force of the missile. It grazed the side of his head, however, with such violence as to bring him to his knees, and the blood spread throbbing out of the long cut like a scarlet veil. The drummers whipped their horse to a gallop, and disappeared.

The girl first stopped the team with a true countryside instinct; and she was at the young man's side, sobbing with anxious fear just as he stepped blindly to his feet. Seating him on the cart, she proceeded to stanch the bleeding with the edge of her gown. Observing this, he protested, and declared that the cut was nothing. But she would not be gainsaid, and he yielded,

apparently well content under her hands. Then, tearing a strip from her colored cotton petticoat, she gently bound up the wound, not artistically, perhaps, but in every way to his satisfaction.

"If ye hadn't gi'n we warnin', Liz, that there stun 'd about fixed me," he remarked.

The girl smiled happily, but said nothing.

After a long pause he spoke again. "Seems to me ye're like what ye used to, Liz," said he, "only nicer, a sight nicer; an' y' used to be powerful nice. I allow there couldn't be another girl so nice as you, Liz. An' what ever's made ye quit lookin' down on me, so sudden like?"

"Jim-Ed," she replied, in a caressing tone, "ef y' ain't got no paper collar on, ner no glas' di'mon' pin, I allow ye're a man. An' maybe—maybe your'e the kind of a man I like, Jim-Ed."

To even such genuine modesty as Jim-Ed's this was comprehensible. Shyly and happily he reached out his hands for hers. They were both seated very comfortably on the cart-beam, so he did not consider it necessary to move. Side by side, and hand in hand, they journeyed homeward in a glorified silence. The oxen appeared 'o guide themselves very fairly. The sunset flushed strangely the roadside hillocks. The night-hawks swooped in the pale zenith with the twang of smitten chords. And from a thick maple on the edge of the clearing a hermit-thrush fluted slowly over and over his cloistral ecstacy.

Telephones in Rural Districts.

Farmers are every day realizing the value of a telephone service in rural districts and private telephone systems are everywhere being installed.

No class of people are more willing or ready to adopt time saving devices than farmers, if it can actually be proved that the devices do save time.

It is a pretty generally recognized fact that there is no greater time saver in rural districts than a good reliable telephone. A telephone is just as much needed in the country by the farmer as it is in the city by the busy man of affairs.

Space here is too limited to enumerate the many uses to which the telephone can be put. It is useful for getting into immediate communication with your nearest neighbors or those living five or ten miles distant, also for speaking with villages, towns and cities several hundred miles away, for summoning a doctor in case of sickness, for calling aid in the event of fire or burglaries, for learning the news of the community, and many other uses. Wherever reliable telephones have been installed in the rural communities, they have paid for their cost, in many cases in less than a month, and they have been found so useful that farmers would not part with them at any price if they could not be duplicated.

Recently a rural telephone service was established in the Township of Rochester, in Essex Co., Ont., and although the service has been in use a short period, all the subscribers express themselves as highly pleased with the results.

This system follows the road for twenty miles, passing through the Township of Rochester, Maidstone and Tilbury, West. On this line there are 72 telephones in operation and already the town council have received petitions for 30 more subscribers. The advantage of these telephones is that they are owned and operated by the community and not by corporations whose object is the making of a profit; that every subscriber is directly interested in their operation; that matters requiring attention are important to every subscriber.

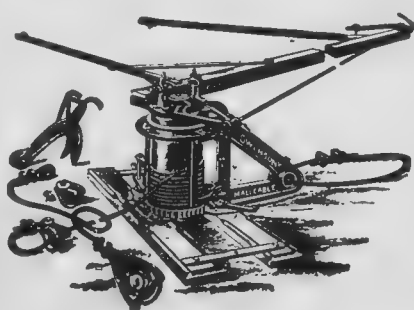
So that there would be no chance

of cheap, inferior telephones being installed, the council took every precaution to find out what make of telephone would give the best all round service, last the longest and be, in every way, the most satisfactory. As many farmers will be interested in knowing the cost of a telephone service of this description, a brief statement covering this will not be out of place in this article. From a very careful detailed account kept during the period of installation, it was found that the cost of the telephone to each subscriber was a trifle under \$40.00. Allowing ten years in which to pay this amount, the interest on the unpaid principal would amount to \$1.20 each year. Then there is the cost of operating the exchange, which, by arrangements made, amount to \$1.00, thus making the total yearly outlay of \$6.20 each for ten years.

A telephone for a rural community must be absolutely reliable; it must convey the sound of the human voice in a clear distinct manner; it must be made of the best material; it must be so constructed that it will stand for years without the service being affected in any way. There are many apparently good telephones which look all right when they are first installed but which, after four or five months' use, become absolutely useless. It is, therefore, of the greatest importance that every possible care be taken in the selection of a telephone service for a rural district. Upon the proper selection of a telephone depends its usefulness and reliability. See then that the telephone installed in your community is the best on the market. Even if it costs a trifle more than a cheaper one, the satisfaction that you will experience from its use will more than compensate for the difference in cost.

A lady had engaged a new page-boy who whistled music-hall ditties while cleaning the cutlery. "Joseph," she called, "please don't whistle those vulgar things."

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Ladies' Night.

By Alice Hegan Rice.

As Miss Ethel Corcoran stood before the mirror in her dressing-room pulling on her long gloves, there was ample justification for the satisfied smile that lurked between her dimples. Miss Corcoran was young, beautiful and confident. In fact she was so sure of herself that she made every one else sure of her, too. Her little cousin, waiting for a final peep into the mirror, was no exception to the rule.

"If I were one of the many men in love with you, Ethel, you'd challenge me to win you to-night. And you shouldn't say me nay, either."

Miss Corcoran, quite satisfied with both this and the mirror's confession, turned and kissed her cousin:

"But, my lady Bess, I would say you nay; I'm not to be won thus early in the game. There's too great joy in the sport and the conquest to relinquish freedom yet awhile."

But Elizabeth shook her young head sagely. And she shook her finger, too, at her cousin. "Ethel Corcoran," she said, "that's assumed. Aren't you a little bit in love right now with the idea of being in love? Confess it's with one of the two in the library, but for the life of me I can't tell which."

"They're both awfully fond of me," admitted Miss Corcoran, too engrossed with her carriage slippers to see the shadow that came into Bess's face at this, "but do you know, honestly, I can't tell which I like the better. Tom is so—er—big and splendid, but then, Ernest has a career before him. And it's so fascinating the way Ernest drops his chin, and looks at you squarely through his eye-glasses, looks you through, too. They're both—oh—well, I guess they'll keep."

But they won't keep. They are not the kind to be put off, and you will have to come to a decision pretty soon. I'll bet you can't keep them from proposing until you go for your trip East next month. I'll bet you are engaged to one of them before Valentine's Day."

"And I'll bet you five pounds of chocolates that I'm not. I won't let them get that near the point."

"But if they do," persisted Bess.

"I'll decline any proposal from whomsoever proposes between now and Valentine's Day, Miss Elizabeth Wingate, five pounds the forfeit—provided you do the same."

But Bess looked disconcerted. The pause was so significant that Miss Corcoran, about to go down, turned and began to laugh.

"So, my young lady? So there is some one you wouldn't pledge yourself to refuse? You qu—demure-eyed piece of deception! Is it some one you left behind in the country, or is—"

"No—no—Ethel—!" Elizabeth's cheeks were crimson. "I never had a proposal in my life—"

"Then promise," said Ethel, naughtily—"promise or I'll suspect—Tom—or Ernest—or—"

"No—oh—no!"

"Then promise," mercilessly.

"I can safely promise," declared Bess, rallying, "for there's nobody to want to propose to me."

On the thirteenth of February the Nemean Athletic Club gave a public exhibition that was, like everything connected with that exclusive organization, brilliant and fashionable. It was the first time that its new building had been thrown open to the public, and the feminine public, in charming array, had largely responded to the invitations to this special "Ladies' Night." There were music, lights, beauty, chatter, laughter. Mr. Tommie White, whose six feet two of athletic solidity was as nothing in strength compared to the strong attachment of his friends to the diminutive form of his name, was showing Miss Corcoran and Miss Wingate, together with their chaperon, about the building. In this office Dr. Ernest Hardin was assisting Mr. Tommie White.

"You see," said Mr. White, "its all here: gymnasium, pool, dressing-room,

barber shop, kitchen, billiards,—complete sort of arrangement—"

Miss Corcoran lingered behind with Dr. Hardin. Impersonal enthusiasm always struck her as a waste of good material. She had been avoiding tete-a-tetes, as a rule, of late, anyhow, and so found herself tired of the tameness of life in threes and groups. But Bessie's statements had had weight. Miss Corcoran had avoided tete-a-tetes because they led to opportunity, and opportunity to confession. And Miss Corcoran was not sure to whom she wanted to say "no."

So, while Mr. Tommie White eulogized the completeness of the clubhouse, Miss Corcoran concluded to drop behind with the doctor. "Do you mind waiting while I think of some new adjective to respond to Tom's demands? I have exhausted my ordinary supply."

"If you'll promise not to think so hard that you can't listen," said the doctor, stopping short. "Sit down, please." The doctor was a masterful man.

Miss Corcoran dropped on the cushions of the cosy window-seat. The doctor, sitting down, too, leaned forward, dropped his chin and studied her through his eye-glasses. Miss Corcoran lifted her lashes, lowered them quickly and used her fan.

"I don't know why I always obey you," she said.

The doctor laughed. "Up to your old tricks, my Duchess," he returned. "You ought to write a treatise on 'Jollyng as a Fine Art.'"

Miss Corcoran looked reproach. "Is it fair, Dr. Hardin, to set me down as always flippant and superficial and insincere?" Did Miss Corcoran's voice tremble?

"No," answered the doctor, "I set you down as nothing of the kind. Ethel—Miss Corcoran—I know that underneath all is a frank, womanly heart, and to prove it I brought you here to tell you something—to ask you to listen while I tell—there is a long question mark in my mind that wants to be changed into a period."

Miss Corcoran glanced up quickly. The doctor's voice rang with suppressed feeling. This was real. But when she didn't know her own mind—she did not propose having it come to an issue—she really didn't believe she wanted to refuse Dr. Hardin.

"I never knew much about punctuation," she declared, rising. "Ask Bess; she has taught school. Where are they, anyhow?"

The doctor rose, too. "We'll find them and I'll ask her," said he.

The exhibition of Nemean Club skill that followed was remarkably clever—fencing, high jumping, sparring, exercise on the parallel bars succeeded one another. But Miss Corcoran saw little of it. She was absorbed in the revelation by the doctor. Despite her assurance with Bess she had been uncertain about him. And now he had succumbed. Dear man! With his fascinating way of telling you the blunt truth. There he was on the stage now, just disappearing into a mysterious chintz cabinet and Tom White following. They were the brag athletes of the club, these two, but Tom a giant compared with the doctor's slighter build.

What was it all about, this chintz cabinet? And the elaborate binding and fettering of Tom and the doctor with stout ropes? Even so were they both confessedly bound in the fetters of her enchantment. But she had to set one free! What a pity men must bring things to an issue! She couldn't say which she preferred, Tom, so large and splendid—the doctor so—er—compelling. As the lights were lowered Miss Corcoran was gazing at her finger tips.

What was all this? Music, banjo playing, tambourines, waving hands issuing from the chintz cabinet! She hadn't paid attention. What was it all about? Tom and the doctor bound in fetters of her forging while the muses made the air sweet? Occasionally Miss Corcoran had these moments of



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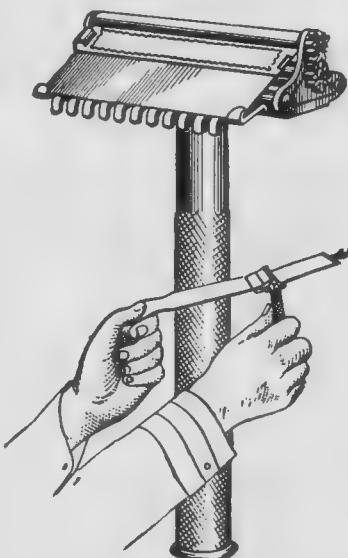
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fanciful playfulness. The lights flared up. The cabinet was empty. Bonds and fetters decided. Tom and the doctor had slipped their bonds. Miss Corcoran laughed ruefully. It was on her—the laugh. Figures of speech are dangerous in these prosaic days. The lights went out—again music, tambourine playing, etc. Were Tom and the doctor celebrating their escape?

Lights on again. Tom and the doctor sitting within the cabinet, bound hand and foot. They had returned then, voluntarily. Miss Corcoran felt better. She studied her gloved finger-tips again and smiled. But which of the two did she wish to keep in her fetters?

The programme was lengthy. The lights faded again, this time for the final tableau. "I'll be glad when it's over," said Miss Corcoran to herself. "I am afraid this is a case where a dark room is the last place to develop a negative."

But when the light came in a broad white stream behind her, it revealed a picture that seemed to decide her. On the stage, in bold relief against a black background, posing as the Dying Gaul of the Capitoline Museum at Rome, was Tom White, his massive shoulders, his perfect proportions, his motionless position turned to marble by white fleshings, rice powder and calcium lights.

Murmurs of delight were heard on all sides, followed by a storm of applause.

"Isn't he superb?" cried Elizabeth, turning to Ethel with shining eyes.

But Miss Corcoran could not answer. After all it was Tom White—the most fascinating man she had ever met—and how devoted he had been last winter. There was not a girl in town but had envied her. It would be easy enough to smile him back again—to-morrow—for the wager must be won. If he returned to the old question to-night?—but she must not let him.

Then the lights were turned on full, and in the confusion that followed, Ethel, surrounded by friends, became separated from Elizabeth and her chaperon. Her eyes danced with excitement and her high spirits were so infectious that every man in the room turned to watch her as she passed.

"I believe I'm bewitched," she thought, and she held a rose to her lips to hide her smiling. "In such a mood, I must not be alone five minutes with either Tom or Ernest—I might accept the first one that asks me."

Even as the thought flashed she saw Tom White making his way through the crowd. He had taken a velvet cloak from one of the cavaliers of the tableaux and had thrown it jauntily over his gladiator shoulders. Miss Corcoran thought he was seeking her, when the fact was he was making a bee-line for the dressing-room to get rid of powder from face and hair. She hastily excused herself to an admiring bore and began to seek her chaperon.

In and out of the crowd she looked, but in vain. When she reached the stage end of the room she stood on the steps for a better view. As she looked she saw Tom White's back not two yards away. In dismay she fled precipitately behind some palms through a short corridor into a dimly-lighted room, slipping into the shadow behind the door until he should pass. A long line of mirrors ran on each side of the wall, and big, comfortable chairs at regular intervals solemnly contemplated their stuffed images. In the centre of the room, where it had been hastily thrust after the performance, was the chintz cabinet.

Mr. White entered unsuspectingly and had just turned on the light above a wash-stand when he saw in a mirror a familiar figure disappearing behind the folds of the chintz curtains.

He ran to the cabinet. "Ethel," he called, softly, "you witch! What are you doing here?" and pulling aside the curtains he saw a pretty picture laughing at him from the background of bright-hued stuff.

"What made you follow?" asked she. "This is the first time I have ever had the chance to study the spiritual side of anything—I was dying to see the inside of this cabinet."

"You knew I was coming and hid," said Tom.

"Why should I hide?" asked she, with innocent eyes.

"I don't know why, but you did. Ethel, have I pursued you so in the past that you have to run from me?"

She shook her head violently. She, Ethel Corcoran, for once, was not quite mistress of herself. Tom looked so handsome, with a hand on each curtain, holding her a prisoner.

"I have been trying to see you for a month," went on Tom, "but for some reason you seemed to avoid me. You see I had something to say to you."

So it was coming. The old love which she had been assured a year ago had been safely diverted into a platonic channel had sought its old course. What should she say? She could not break the boy's heart again. In this new excitement, Ernest Hardin, with his quiet, insistent manner, was forgotten.

"You see, Ethel," said Tom, more serious than she had ever known him to be, "you and I have grown up together. It was the most natural thing in the world that I should fall in love with you. You told me all along that love was not as serious a thing with me then as it would be some day, and you were right."

Miss Corcoran looked about for some way of escape. It was going to be painful—it was almost tragic—for Tom. She hated scenes.

"The fact is, Ethel," he began after an awkward pause—then he broke into a low laugh. "Oh, it's no use trying to explain! Just put your little hand in mine and congratulate me, for I am engaged to the finest girl that ever lived in Cleveland. She is the truest, most straightforward, affectionate woman, and she will make me a better man."

"Hush!" said Miss Corcoran. "Come inside, quick! There is somebody at the door."

"Just a minute—please do." They both recognized Hardin's voice and waited in silence for him to pass on, but he and his companion had evidently stopped right in front of the door.

"Now answer, truly," continued the young doctor. "You have tried to avoid me of late. Why?"

The answer was inaudible.

"I thought so," he went on. "Had it not been for Miss Ethel I should not have brought you here. I think she gave me a little hint that I might presume—"

(What can he be talking about?) thought Ethel.)

Again the answer was not audible, but the doctor said, eagerly:

"Then you do care? You love me?"

Tom White started forward from the cabinet, but Ethel laid a restraining hand on his arm and whispered hoarsely:

"What would they think of us—in a barber shop—at this hour!"

The doctor's voice again reached them, first persuasive, then indignant: "But if you love me you'll marry me! What possible reason can you have for refusing?"

"Not to-night—I'll answer you in the morning," said a trembling voice. ("It's Bess," whispered Ethel in the cabinet.)

"But why not to-night? Why won't you answer now?"

"Because," answered Bess—"Oh, don't make me tell—because I have already promised—"

"Good Lord!" exclaimed the doctor, and I thought—"

But here Miss Corcoran made a whirling exit from the curtains and rushed upon the scene:

"Elizabeth Wingate, you are perfectly insane!" she cried to the startled pair. "The idea of being conscientious over that old wager! Besides, you are free now, for, listen—the clocks are striking twelve. Come out, Tom."

The Dying Gaul emerged from the chintz cabinet.

Covered with confusion as she was, Bess had breath enough to gasp: "Oh, Ethel! You didn't refuse?"

"No," said Miss Corcoran, laughing the most charming laugh in the world—the laugh that comes at one's expense—"No, Elizabeth Wingate, you have won the bet. You refused, but I haven't refused a single offer for the past month—only because I haven't had one."

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The Month's Bright Sayings

Andrew Carnegie: National music is the reflection of national sentiment.

Hon. Colin H. Campbell: You can easily play a joke on a man who likes to argue. Agree with him.

Dr. Osler: Any young woman with a waist less than 24 inches may be called a monstrosity.

Dr. Wylie: One goes half-way to catch a cold if one fears one may catch it.

Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis: There are no hundred best books; there are ever so many more.

Rev. Dr. Bryce: Habits are like the bones; the older they grow, the stiffer they become.

Madame Sarah Grand: Man is apt to be all talk, whereas woman's inclination is to act and experiment.

Col. Sam Hughes, M. P.: The popular national weapons at the moment seem to be hockey sticks and Canadian Clubs.

President Roosevelt: The reformer is always looked upon as a disagreeable person, but he is necessary if progress is to be made.

Thomas A. Edison: Knowledge is like a watch—to be carried in one's pocket and taken out only when the occasion requires.

Dr. A. J. Douglas: Nothing suits the smallpox germ better than a dispute on the merits of vaccination.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox: No man can conjure up such an extraordinary accumulation of catastrophes as can the ordinary wife when her husband is late for dinner.

Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott: Folk always looking out for pleasure rarely live truly happy lives. Real pleasure is a bye-product of duty.

Sir Frederick Treves: It is astonishing how many people still pin their faith to the fetish of the medicine bottle.

Rudyard Kipling: The power of going on amid all difficulties is one of the truest endowments of a man's character.

Mrs. Humphry Ward: The early scribblings of children though apparently meaningless, might be shown to be instinctive art products.

W. W. Jacobs: Education means putting sunshine into the heart, and driving moonshine out of the head.

Rudyard Kipling: The only method of manufacturing heroes is to encourage people to believe in themselves and their possibilities.

Annie Swan: Things that are familiar become part of us without our knowing it, and it is almost impossible to imagine them different.

Elbert Hubbard: Now that paper notes are admitted to be carriers of contagion money possesses a double claim to the name of filthy lucre.

Mark Twain: Honesty is not only ideal and beautiful and makes you feel comfortable inside, but it is also a good business asset.

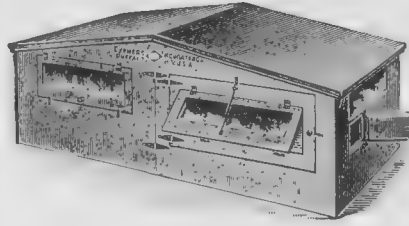
Lady Gordon: An Englishman in society expects to be entertained by the woman he meets; the foreigner settles down at once to entertain her.

Lady Grey: A great many children labor under the disadvantage of being expected to be some other child rather than just themselves.

Pro. Fernow: The best proof of the real value of our forest areas is the envy of the United States rather than the pride Canadians take in them.

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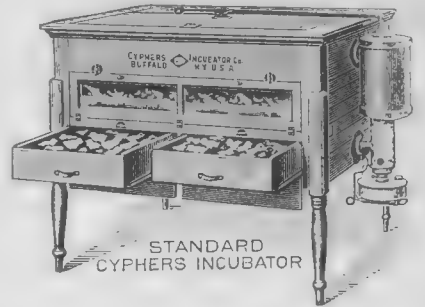
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Count Tolstoy: The vast majority of people have so little imagination that they are able to hear with complacency of all the unhappy things in life.

Hon. George Graham, M. P.: Ontario teachers' salaries in the Provincial school have been raised by good figures, but the West still remains the promising land for teachers, especially the ladies.

Harold Begbie: On the road a pipe of tobacco will open the heart of man to his fellows, but within doors there must be food or drink before friendly relations can be readily established.

Hall Caine: It must not be forgotten that the man who takes advantage of others will take advantage of you if he ever finds it conveniently profitable to do so, no matter how consistently he may pretend to be your friend.

Mayor Ashdown: Canada is in the presence of a problem such as no country ever faced before. The United States received foreign population by degrees and was always able to keep well ahead of it. We have it everywhere in the warp as well as the woof of our new era. The uplifting of it must be the supreme purpose of our statesmanship and of our Christianity.



Selkirk General Hospital.

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ating rooms as well as two large wards. On the second floor are four private, to semi-private and one public ward. On the third floor are rooms specially fitted up for the nursing staff.

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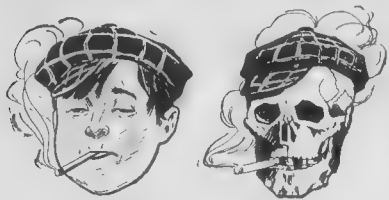
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Most Men are Mormons at Heart.

By Helen Oldfield.

There is no characteristic in which men and women differ more radically than in the comprehensiveness, what may be called the elasticity, of their affection. A woman, as a rule, is in love with but one man at a time. She may hold and practice the ancient doctrine of her sex that the more strings to her bow, or beaux to her string, the better. Admiration may be to her as the breath of her nostrils, and she may care as little for the sufferings of her victims as an enthusiastic angler does for those of the trout which it is his delight to play and capture. She even may doubt seriously which of two men she would better marry, but it is seldom, if ever, that she does not prefer one of them to the other, that she is not aware fully of her preference. Indeed, it safely may be said that no woman ever really and truly loves more than one man at one and the same time, and when the "not impossible he" appears upon her horizon he dwarfs all other men in her eyes and reigns, for the hour at least, her king and master. True, the woman may change, and often does so. Few things, not even mutual and tender love, endure forever in this world of change. Love dies, like other things, and—

"Not to the dead may the living cling.
Nor kneel at an empty shrine.
The king is dead! Long live the king,
Who rules by a power divine!"

But though one king may cease to reign, and another monarch rule in his stead, the kingdom, having once tendered allegiance, is loyal while he occupies the throne. It has passed into a proverb that a woman, who loves, loves much and rarely; she may transfer her affections, but she does not scatter them, a little here, a little there.

On the contrary, although there are many exceptions to the rule, most men are Mormons at heart, and apparently find no great difficulty in loving two or a dozen women simultaneously. The sailor with a sweetheart in every port, who yet claimed that "his heart was true to Poll," was a fiction strictly founded upon fact. Bigamy in every land where it is a legal offense also is a usual one. And that not only among the "masses"; every now and then society is startled by the discovery that some man of wealth and high repute, who has seemed a devoted husband and father, has played the same role to another woman and her children.

As for the number of men who, Isachar like, crouch between two bales of hay, it is such as cannot be counted. The dilemma of the poet Gay:

"How happy could I be with either
Were I other dear charmer away!"

had nothing novel in it then, and his sentiment finds a ready response in the hearts of many men today. Most people, whether men or women, have a more or less dual nature, and some men especially have so many sides to their characters, such as they are, that they may be said to be faceted. There, moreover, are some men who are forever falling in love, or what they think is love. Every time such a man sees a pretty girl he immediately proceeds to fall head over heels in love with her. He admires almost every passably attractive young woman whom he sees, and is always making love with no serious intentions whatever or intentions that are serious for the moment only.

But men who are less susceptible to the charm of femininity not infrequently meet two women who appeal simultaneously, more or less strongly, to the two sides of their dual nature. When this happens the man probably will be in a veritable quandary. He has artistic tastes, he is fond of music, he

reads, and likes to talk about what he has read. He meets a woman who snares these tastes, who participates in them with intelligence and pleasing sympathy. They make love in poetic quotation; her singing delights his soul, and his pulses quicken as their hands meet over their favorite volumes. He feels that life with her would be "forever one glad, sweet song," that her sympathy and appreciation would stimulate him to better endeavor and render him capable of great things.

But, alas, he is not strong enough to keep up to her level, and he meets pretty little Mamie, who is ready to love and to admire him as a king among men. She fits in with the other side of his nature. She does not stimulate him, but she flatters him and is what he calls "restful." She makes no demands upon him and has a soothing influence upon him. Besides, she is thoroughly domestic and will be fully able to minister to his "creature comforts," a direction wherein he greatly doubts the other woman's ability. He feels reasonably sure that it is his to choose between the two women, Mary and Mamie, and he really is puzzled as to which one it will be wisest for him to marry.

The result usually depends upon which side of his character is the stronger. If he truly be of the stuff of which great men are made and sees much of Mary, he marries her, and with her help he makes his life a better, higher thing than could have been possible otherwise. Nevertheless, he who takes the easier course is not unwise always. If he has felt before marriage that Mary's standpoint was too high to be maintained comfortably, too great a strain, emotional and mental, he would better content himself with the woman who will make him comfortable physically than endeavor to rise to the level of the soul companion. The simpler nature will demand less of his nerves and sensibilities, and the ease-loving temperament, which is probably strong within him, will be satisfied. His marriage scarcely will be a failure. He will never rise to great heights, but he will have material compensations. He perhaps occasionally may think with regret of the esthetic delights which he has lost, but he has to work for a living, and Mamie keeps his home bright upon small means.

It safely may be taken for granted that the average man is not seriously in love with more than one woman at a time. Nevertheless propinquity has great weight with most. It is not impossible for a man who sincerely and honestly is attached to a woman at a distance to find himself unable to withstand the fascination of the girl at his side. The woman whose charm and beauty can make a personal appeal to a man's senses and emotions decidedly has the advantage of her only who can reach him through the medium of letters. The French are not without wisdom in their saying that "the absent are always wrong." It was a Frenchman also, Talleyrand, who likened the effect of absence upon love to that of the wind upon a fire. If the fire be feeble the wind blows it out, if strong, it fans it to a conflagration.

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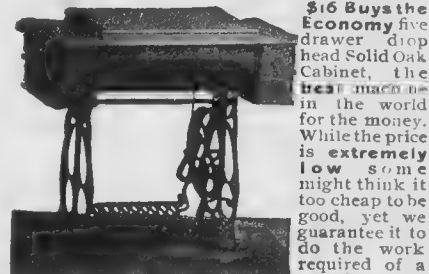
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A heap of money has been spent by advertisers in educating the Superior Brain into reading advertisements, and in the proper way to read them. That is another thing in which the woman has a great advantage. A woman reads advertisements carefully. She starts out with the idea that she is going to find something she really wants. And generally she does. Remember, it is the business of manufacturers to make things people want, and then depend on advertising to let people know about them.

It isn't with the idea of helping the advertiser that women read and answer advertisements. It is because their intuition, proved by their experience, has convinced them that they personally benefit by reading them. They know it pays not only in the pure commercial sense, but in satisfaction. And that is why women are Catholic in their advertisement reading.

Don't you think, Mr. Man Who Doesn't Read Advertisements, that it is about time you woke up? Wouldn't it be wise to learn another lesson from Her? You've learned a good many, you know, and pretty valuable ones. Don't cling to the old fiction that goods are merely to sell, and that advertising is one of the methods employed to fool people. Articles are made to benefit people who need them or who want to use them, and in the long run these articles make the biggest sales.

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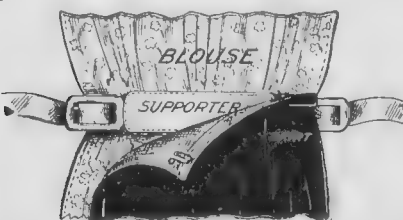
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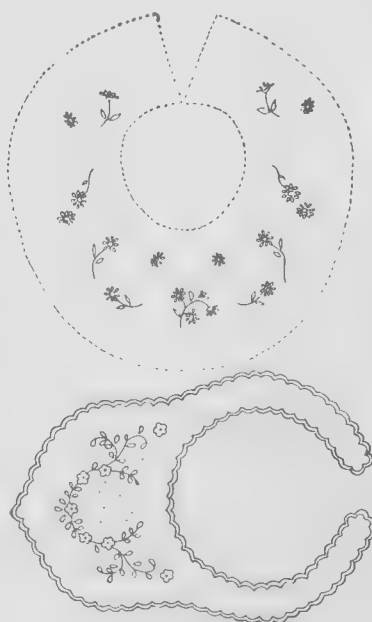
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Lay material on which transfer is to be made on hard smooth surface. Sponge material with damp cloth. Material should be damp, but not too wet. Lay pattern face down on material and press firmly, rubbing from you with crumpled handkerchief in hand.

The Young Man and His Problem

By JAMES L. GORDON

INSPIRATION. Follow the line of your inspiration, what you must do, do what you cannot help doing, yield to this the whole strength of your personality. If by force of circumstances you are shut out from the work which you love with your whole heart, wait! wait and think, wait and consider wait and plan, wait and prepare. If you are correct in your own estimate of your gifts and talents the pathway of achievements will open up. This world is too hungry for new voices and new ideas that the man of gifts should wait forever unrecognized. So follow the bent of your nature. Said Arnold of Rugby the great writer and teacher: "I have a testimony to deliver, *I must write or die.*"

MONEY AND HAPPINESS. Emerson suggests that the poor man is the man who wishes to be rich. If men only knew the secret, happiness might be reduced to a science and be brought within the reach of every reasonable mortal. Happiness is usually pivoted on three things (1) good health, (2) a moderate income, reasonably sure and (3) a few spare hours every day to be devoted to some favorite study or occupation. The moderately happy people are the folks who have found these three elements entering naturally into their lives. I say moderately happy people, for great happiness is the lot of but few mortals. There is a world of wisdom in the words of the Connecticut farmer: "When I came here to settle, about forty years ago, I told my wife I wanted to be rich. She said she did not want to be rich; all she wanted was enough to be comfortable. I went to work and cleared up my land; I've worked hard ever since, and got rich—as rich as I want to be. Most of my children have settled about me, and they have all got farms—and my wife ain't comfortable yet."

A PERFECT MEMORY SYSTEM. A perfect system of memory is wrapped up in that word "attention." You remember the poetry you like, you remember the faces you love, you remember the places which have charmed you, you remember the books which have inspired you, you remember the sermons which have helped you. When your whole nature is aroused and quickened your mental photograph of an incident or event is clear, distinct and accurate. The man who knows how to arouse himself to passing events will in the end develop a strong memory. Here is a fact from "The Life of the Hon. Sir Charles Murray, K.C.B.," by the Rt. Hon. Sir H. Maxwell, F.R.S. "One fine afternoon, after a rainy morning, Mr. B. strolled into the bar of the City Hotel in New York, and, after taking his glass, handed his umbrella to the barman, asking him to take care of it for a few hours. In the course of the afternoon Mr. B. received the offer of a lucrative appointment in Cuba which he accepted. The vessel was on the point of sailing and Mr. B. had to start at once. It was twelve years before he returned to New York, when strolling into the City bar one morning, the barman after looking steadily at him for a minute said, "How do you do, Mr. B.? Here's your umbrella!" and handed it to him across the counter."

DOUBTING YOURSELF. If you are superfine in your nature you will be correspondingly quick in your mental evolutions. Up today and down tomorrow. Your mood ever changing according to the changing circumstances of your environment. The sensitive man has one great battle to fight and it is a battle within the region of his own soul. Some foul fiend is ever whispering in the ear of the soul "you can't do this," "you can't do that" — "you will fail" — "you will fail" says the voice of the Evil one. Unless you can conquer the voice of Doubt you will never win in the battle of life. Charles Kingsley fought this great battle and conquered: — "Whenever," he said, "I walk along the choir to the pulpit I wish myself dead; and whenever I walk back I wish myself more dead."

LOOK AHEAD. Look ahead! Not with an over-anxious mental concern with reference to the future but with a clear determination to meet every possible emergency which the future may develop. Suppose the crop fails, or the bank goes into the hands of a receiver, or the factory is swept away by a sudden conflagration, or the senior member of the firm drops into the grave, or war changes the aspect of commercial affairs, or a financial depression sweeps over the country. Are you ready? Could you stand a sudden reverse? Are you resourceful? What is your power of reserve? In case of an emergency what would you do next? — Remember "the unexpected always happens."

The Swiss tradition of William Tell is now said to be without historic foundation, but it makes a good story all the same. Gessler, the Steward of the Duke of Austria, perpetrated atrocious cruelties on the in-

habitants of the Forest Cantons in his master's name. He put the Ducal hat of Austria on a pole in the market place of Altdorf, and threatened with merciless punishment any one who passed it without uncovering. William Tell failed to do reverence to the hat, and was sentenced to be put to death unless he could hit an apple placed on his son's head. He did it. "What," asked Gessler, "would you have done with the second arrow in your bow?" "Shot you if I had killed my child."

DO IT AND DROP IT. You must have an exceedingly stout frame if you can carry the burdens of three worlds — the past, the present and the future. There is something of importance to be done so you worry about it before you attempt it, and you fret over it while you are in the process of execution, and you are in the valley of despair over it after the book has been written, its paragraphs printed, its pages sewed and its leaves bound together in the gilt edged volume. More men are being broken by that particular brand of worry—the three-ply brand—than by any other form of mental mischief. Somebody addressed a question to Henry Clay Trumbull of the Sunday School Times concerning a book which he had written: —

"How many copies of the book have been sold, Doctor?"

"Oh, I don't know," replied Trumbull. "When I finished the writing of that book my work on it was done. I'm more interested now in the one I'm writing now."

SENATOR BEVERIDGE'S BOOK.

In the last ten years I have read one thousand books of biography and every book for young men on which I have been able to lay my hands. Books on "Success," "How to Get On in the World," "Carving a Character," "The Making of a Man," etc., etc. I believe in "Success" books and have devoured them by the score. Recently I have read a book which has pleased me greatly. I think it is the best book of this present decade for a young man. It is brim full of common sense, business sense and horse sense. It is a modern up-to-date book on the science of success. May I quote the following from it: —

"I am greatly troubled," said to me the general superintendent of one of the most extensive railroad systems in the world as we rode from Des Moines, Iowa, to Chicago. "I am greatly troubled," said he, "to find an assistant superintendent. There are now under me seven young engineers, every man a graduate of a college; four of them with uncommon ability, and all of them relatives of men heavily interested in this network of railroads. But not one of them will do. Three nights ago all of them happened to meet in Chicago. While there all of them went out to have what they called 'a good time' together — drinking, etc."

"That, in itself, is enough to blacklist every man for the position of my assistant and my successor. This road will not entrust its operating management to a man who willfully makes himself less than his best every day and every night. Besides this, each of them has some defect. One is brilliant, but not steady; another is steady, but not resourceful — not inventive — and so forth and so on. We are looking all over the United States for the young man who has the ability, character, health and habits which my assistant must have."

ENDURANCE. When the great crisis in a man's life arrives the question of his future is very often settled not so much by his mental force as by his strength of will. It is not a question of brilliancy, but endurance, grit, courage, backbone and tenacity are the qualities which count. It is not a question how far you can see, but how long you can hold on. Can you endure? What strength have you in yourself. How much "punishment" can you take on the field of battle and still hold your ground. Paul had this idea shining clear in his brain when he exclaimed "be ye steadfast, unmoveable."

SELF CONTROL. Endurance is closely allied with self control. Self control is the science of having yourself well in hand, with every nerve and muscle and faculty responsive to the command and behest of the Mind and Will. I cut the following paragraph from the page of a volume which I have been reading recently. It is rich in suggestiveness and as rare an illustration of directness and persistent determination as I have ever found. "It is related as a remarkable instance of self-control on the part of De Leon, a distinguished Spanish poet of the sixteenth century, who lay for years in the dungeons of the Inquisition without light or society, because of his having translated a part of the Scriptures into his

native tongue, that, on being liberated and restored to his professorship, an immense crowd attended his first lecture, expecting some account of his long imprisonment; but De Leon was too wise and too gentle to indulge in recrimination. He merely resumed the lecture which, five years before, had been so sadly interrupted, with the accustomed formula "*Heri dicebamus,*" and went directly into his subject."

MANNER AND STYLE. "Have some style about you" said the merchant to his clerk. Style? What's that? — You ought to know.

It wins friends, it makes customers, it increases a man's value to society, it opens the door into the realm of highest opportunity and makes possible some of the grandest achievements of life. A famous English writer in speaking of a popular preacher remarks: — "That man says the same things that we ordinary fellows say, but he serves them up better. He has a good *cuisine*. Everything is cooked to a turn, and the dishes are placed hot on the table. The table is daintily arranged. There is fine napery snowy white; there are flowers in the centre, and there are some nice bits of silver. If you sit down at such a table, the appearance of everything tempts the appetite, whereas if you have the same food badly cooked, badly served, and on an ill-arranged table, even if you have an appetite, the appearance of the things would blunt its edge."

LORD BYRON. The most devoted admirers of Lord Byron were compelled to admit that he was a strange mixture of dust and deity. He seemed to touch both heaven and hell in the sweep of his personality. Angel and devil seemed to fight hard for the mastery. A member of the British aristocracy, a cultured woman who admired the great poet, said "there are two Lord Byrons, one I like, the other I detest. Charles H. Spurgeon in the story of his own life relates the following: Before I left Cambridge, to come to London, I went one day into the library of Trinity College, and there I noticed a very fine statue of Lord Byron. The librarian said to me, "Stand here, sir." I did as I was directed, and as I looked at it I said, "what a fine intellectual countenance! What a grand genius he was!" "Come here," said the librarian, "and look at the other side of the statue." I said, "Oh! what a demon! There stands the man who could defy the Deity." He seemed to have such a scowl and such a dreadful leer on his face, as Milton would have painted upon Satan when he said, "better to reign in hell, than serve in heaven." I turned away, and asked the librarian, "do you think the artist designed this?" "Yes," he said, "he wished to picture the two characters, — the great, the grand, the almost-superhuman genius that Byron possessed, and yet the enormous mass of sin that was in his soul." If Lord Byron had learned to master himself, if he had learned the lesson of self-control, what years of peace and glory of fame might have been his.

RUSH AND NOISE. I sat in a man's office the other day. He thought he was an exceedingly busy man. Every ounce of nerve

force in his brain and body seemed to be leaping toward the surface. He moved from the desk to the safe and from the safe to the desk like a cyclone turning a corner. He commanded his clerks and stenographers like an excited general ordering a new advance in a moment of crisis on the field of battle. He sat in a revolving chair and turned four-square toward the four winds of heaven about once in every three minutes. Busy? Yes — Exceedingly busy! And yet I have known men who could accomplish four times the amount of work with one half of the expenditure of nerve force — quiet, steady, sure and accurate. In reading the biography of that splendid character and successful editor Charles A. Dana I found the following suggestive sentence: "It is the testimony of those who had an opportunity to know, that no office of any kind was ever more quiet, happy, harmonious and well-governed than was the *Sun* office under Dana. Every man in it fell unconsciously under the sway of his chief's personality, and from the first regarded himself as the respected and trusted servant of a master whose eye for what was praiseworthy was never shut, and whose quick and generous impulse was to recognize and reward merit and ability wherever he found them."

HOW TO SAY IT. You can say anything you please if you know the science of conversation. It's not what you say but the way you say

it. There is not a rebuke which cannot be uttered if you select the proper place and time and words. Tact is the name of the superfine piece of velvet used at the point of contact. The man of tact knows how to express himself with a tender regard for the feelings of other people. Speaking concerning the relationship existing between the famous actor Sothern and Miss Keene, a writer says: "They were constantly at variance, yet they were always friends during their association. She welcomed any recognition Sothern might win nightly from the audiences; and he, with his disposition, would brook no misunderstanding between them that might last any length of time. He would placidly regard her momentary ill-humor, and in some unexpected way would force a smile from her. On one such occasion, when a storm was brewing, he called out, "wait a bit, Laura" and with his Dundreary hop, he crossed the room and turned down the gas. "Now go ahead," he remarked. "I do hate to see such a pretty face in a rage."

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This Year.

There are wrongs to be righted and good to be done

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There are battles to wage and some fights to be won
In Nineteen Hundred and Eight.

There are evils to banish and wrongs to dethrone;
There are joys we may scatter where grief sits alone;

There is light to be spread where the sun never shone,
In Nineteen Hundred and Eight.

There are trusts to be "busted" by stopping their graft

In Nineteen Hundred and Eight.
There are fetters to weld upon greed and on craft
In Nineteen Hundred and Eight.

There are men to defeat hiding back of the scenes
And pulling the wires that control the machines,
And it's up to us now to find ways and means,
In Nineteen Hundred and Eight.

There are schemes to defeat if the right shall prevail

In Nineteen Hundred and Eight.
And ours be the blame if our wrongs we bewail
In Nineteen Hundred and Eight.

We'll have to strike out and keep busy the while
We tackle the wrongs in a vigorous style—
Keep a stiff upper lip till it bends in a smile
In Nineteen Hundred and Eight.

The Advance of Prohibition.

What were once the Confederate States of America may be within a few years the Prohibition States of America.—Arkansas Gazette.

Hardly Parallel Cases

Gladys Vanderbilt wore lace 200 years old when she was married, but the ordinary married woman raises a howl if she has to wear last year's hat another season.—Quebec Telegraph

Early Rising.

A French doctor says it is very unhealthful to spring out of bed in the morning just after awakening from a sound sleep. His name will be blessed by millions of men whose wives start the breakfast fires.—Regina Leader.

Scrupulous Exactness.

A mountain of golden sand discovered on Vancouver island is reported to yield from \$43 20 to \$104.40 of the precious metal to the ton. The odd cents should be convincing. No vendor of a prospect would exaggerate in cents.—Montreal Gazette.

Not to Mention Detonators.

Mr. Gamey says that Cobalt's chief need now is concentrators. And no doubt Mr. Gamey is right, the town being well supplied with prevaricators, equivocators, tergiversators, and other machinery employed in the working of mines.—Toronto Telegram.

The Health of Doctors.

An idea seems to dwell in the consciousness of the public that doctors should never be ill. Yet the truth is that doctors as a class are more subject to illness than their fellow-men, and their expectancy of life is less than that of most.—British Medical Journal.

Too Many Deadly Weapons.

As a matter of fact there is no need in Canada for any man, other than officers engaged in the suppression of crime, to carry deadly weapons concealed about his person, and though the persons addicted to this practice as a rule are cowards, they are on that account the more unfitted to carry such weapons, for their fears incite them to resort to their use when there is no necessity for them to do so.—Toronto Globe.

"Pants" or "Trousers."

Everybody talks well when he talks in the way he likes, the way he can't help, the way he never thinks of; the rest is effort and pretense. The man who says "trousers" because he likes to say it, and the man who says "pants" because he likes to say it are both good fellows with whom a frank soul could fraternise; but the man who says "trousers" when he wants to say "pants" is a craven and a truckler, equally hateful to honest culture and wholesome ignorance.—Atlantic Monthly.

Titles of Nobility in France.

At least 50 titles, more or less authentic have been captured by American women in France. How many are real? A good proportion. Others are papal; others merely assumed. Since titles were abolished in France the "aristocracy" has increased fivefold. There are five times as many dukes, counts and all that in republican France to-day, as there were in the royal France of old. They spring up like mushrooms. There is no law against a butcher assuming the title of the Marquis de Tete de Veau if it so pleases him. And therefore comes it that many a girl does not get what she pays for.—New York Tribune.

One Hoodlum Punished.

A Nebraska youth of sixteen years recently came to grief while indulging in a charivari at a wedding. The wedding guests stood for a reasonable amount of annoyance and then turned out to rid the premises of the unwelcome visitors. There was a general mix-up during which one of the village cut-ups was severely injured. The doctors say he is suffering from concussion of the brain. This is of interest to science as the first authenticated evidence that the members of charivari parties are not immune from such injuries.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Divorces in South Dakota.

It has been calculated in South Dakota that a divorce there costs the nonresident \$1500, as he or she must maintain a residence in the State for at least six months and must spend some \$200 a month for living expenses, besides court costs and attorney fees. As 320 divorces were granted to nonresidents last year, the state gathered in \$480,000 of outside money from the whole lot. This represents gross expenditure and not net gain, and it is therefore for a much smaller sum per year that the state incurs an undesirable reputation on this account. This is holding an American commonwealth at a pretty low price.—Boston Transcript.

The Meaning of "Ottawa."

Harper's Weekly of Feb. 20, 1858, contained the following note of local interest: "The Ottawa river, on which the city stands, is one of the most beautiful rivers in the world. Finer scenery than that which adorns its banks cannot be found anywhere. Whether it derives its name from the old tribe of Ottawas, who are now dying out on Manitoulin island on Lake Huron, or whether they borrowed their name from it can never be known. The word signifies, strangely enough, 'the human ear.' If, as this writer of half a century ago states, the word Ottawa signifies 'the human ear,' it is surely prophetic of the long-winded debates this city has to listen to.—Ottawa Citizen.

Reflections from Vancouver.

So, in the streets of Vancouver to-day, Buddha, and Mahomet, and Confucius still move along the sidewalks. Looking at the miscellaneous crowd, with here and there its turbans and pigtailed, our vision passes beyond these to the dim temples of India, and to the long night's meditation under the Bo tree. We hear not only the clang of the street car gongs, but the strange bells of the pagodas of T'si and Lu. The prosaic shops and pavements dissolve into an expanse of sand, over which is the glow of the Arabian sun, and where there are Arabs on camels, with their faces toward Mecca. Musing further, we are led upward to

the contemplation of that Divine figure who has been the ideal and exemplar of the centuries, and who gave us the pattern of a human life after which the world, with many a fall, still vainly struggles.—Vancouver Province.

Men and Women.

There is a great tendency nowadays to exaggerate differences of point of view in the two sexes. The question of falling in love remains a mystery. Like heroism and religion, it is not explicable by reason alone. But so far as friendship and popularity go, so far even as lasting affection is concerned, they see almost eye to eye. Certain qualities are lovable, and their opposites are hateful, and as to what these qualities are men and women are pretty well agreed. Men, however, are more indulgent to women, and women to men, than they are to their own sex, and each would find it hard to give a reason for the selection they reciprocally make of faults to forgive. The whole question, of course, is complicated by the fact that women are the best judges of women, and men of men, and that women by men, and men by women, are often—and lastingly—befooled.—London Spectator.

Cigarette-Smoking by Boys.

Magistrate Crane of New York City is quoted as saying: "Ninety-nine out of a hundred boys between the ages of ten and seventeen years who come before me charged with crime have their fingers disfigured with yellow cigarette stains. There is something in the poison of the cigarette that seems to get into the system of the boy and to destroy his moral fibre." Elbert Hubbard advises: "As a close observer and employer of labor for twenty-five years I give you this: Never advance the pay of a cigarette smoker; never promote him; never trust him. Cigarette smoking begins with an effort to be smart. It soon becomes a pleasure. Next it becomes a necessity of life, a fixed habit. This last stage soon evolves into a third condition, a stage of fever and unrestful, wandering mind, accompanied by loss of moral and mental control." Robert Burdette's discum is that: "A boy who smokes cigarettes is like a cypher with the rim knocked off." The size of the "kids" who may be seen in the streets of every Canadian town smoking cigarettes would be amusing were it not for the real tragedy involved.—Montreal Witness.

Cows as Defenders against Consumption.

The London Tribune has elicited some discussion of the relation of cows to consumption—an old notion, by the way. One writer asserts on the authority of all the doctors he has known that there is no instance of a cowman, a milker of cows, having died of this disease:—"Cowmen live in cowsheds during a great many hours of the night and day, and those cowsheds are said to be, of all places, the most crowded with tubercular germs. One would not wish to calculate the billions of these germs a cowman breathes on to his lungs in a year, if we accept the figures of those who deal in sensations. On the other hand, one can find in every district almost, instances where grooms have died from consumption. The strange fact is that, whereas the cow can contract tuberculosis, the horse does not. Yet the man who is intimately associated with the immune animal yields to the disease, whilst the man who is with the most common host of tuberculosis escapes it." This theory, it should be noted, was very commonly held about eighty years ago. Balzac, in one of his minor novels, makes his hero a consumptive who is cured by sleeping in sheds, and readers not familiar with the old belief might easily take it for an anticipation of the open-air cure. It is a matter which it ought to be quite possible to test by statistics.—New York Tribune.

Songs Our Mothers Used to Sing.

It may not be generally known that Fanny Crosby, now spoken of only as a hymn writer, used to drop into week-day verse, supplying words for songs more popular in their day than are any of the new things heard by music-lovers of these later days. The matron who is now being "courted again in her girls" will, if she has a good memory, recall a doleful song that her "Charlie" and his rivals used to ask for when she wore ringlets and broad-brimmed gypsy hats: "In the Hazel Dell my Nellie's Sleeping," the words of which were written by Fanny Crosby, under a pen name. This same matron had not been married long enough to give up her music when "Rosalie, the Prairie Flower" (words by the same author) had all sentimental people weeping because "she" was "gone." It was the fashion in those days for song heroines to die young, and Miss Crosby wasn't any more murderously inclined than other song writers. At that time Sweet Alice, under her slab of granite so grey, was still popular, and listeners were informed that Gentle Annie wouldn't come any more because she was "gone too," though Fair Eulalie appeared sometimes as a spirit robed in white.—New York Evening Post.



THE PHILOSOPHER

This is to be a year of record-breaking growth of that many-branched, wide-spreading vine of steel, which is extending itself over Western Canada, throwing out new branches and shoots all the time. That network of Railways, radiating from Winnipeg, and growing every year as vigorously as if it were the product of the fertile prairie soil —

Railway Building in the West.

as indeed it is — will grow this year as it has never grown before. The C.P.R. and the G.T.P., as also the Canadian Northern and Great Northern have a heavy year's work of construction planned and provided for, which will involve, all told, the expenditure of some \$40,000,000, and the employment of many thousands of men. The close of the year will see Western Canada provided with a greatly increased total of railway mileage, including two new main lines from Winnipeg to Edmonton, one of them double-tracked for a considerable portion of the way, and many new extensions. The year's work will also include the completion of the double-tracking of the C.P.R. from Winnipeg to Port William. It is to be in every way a year of greatly increased development for Western Canada, meaning the pouring in of new settlers, more tall, red, hump-shouldered elevators where the settlements cluster into villages, more trade in the towns, a big increase in the output and the business of the whole country, a great advance in Western Canada's ever-advancing growth and prosperity.

At the present rate of occupation, every acre of good public land in the United States will have been taken up in fifteen years. And where will the newcomers to the adjoining Republic then find farms? A generation ago, if a man had made such a

James J. Hill's Forecast.

forecast and gone on to speak of the fertility of the soil of the Western States becoming impaired by wasteful methods of agriculture, he would have been decried. But now our neighbors are called upon to listen to warning words from an alarmist who says that while the remnant of land available for agriculture in the Republic is fast decreasing, wasteful methods throughout the greater part of the Western States have lessened materially the element of fertility in the soil. And who, it may be asked, is this alarmist? One whose words, it must be admitted, carry weight. He is no other than James J. Hill, the railway president. In a recent address at St. Paul, which is attracting widespread attention, he computes that in 1950 the population of the United States will be upwards of 200,000,000. Do the actual conditions of the country give sure promise that such a population will be able to win a livelihood? Mr. Hill has grave doubts on the subject. He admits that in the past the United States had no difficulty in supplying the means of subsistence to a growing population, but he points out that in those times there was a vast area of unoccupied land. Whatever may be thought of Mr. Hill's view of the future, it must be admitted that he is too practical a man to speak in such a strain, except after serious consideration.

While it cannot be claimed that our divorce law in Canada is so perfect as to be incapable of improvement, it is immeasurably superior to the divorce laws in certain States across the border. The Dominion

South Dakota and Divorce.

has not a uniform divorce law from ocean to ocean; in British Columbia and New Brunswick divorce is a matter of Provincial jurisdiction, while throughout the rest of Canada it is under the jurisdiction of the Senate at Ottawa, and the obtaining of a divorce is a costly proceeding, and, unless there are just grounds, an impossible one. It is notorious that certain States bid for "divorce colonies" by extending greater facilities for divorce than other States furnish. It is also notorious that there are lawyers who will stoop very low indeed to get business. These two facts are brought into noteworthy relationship with each other in a circular issued by an enterprising firm of lawyers in a certain State. The circular sums up as follows the advantages offered by that State to those seeking divorce:—

"The shortest period of residence, viz.: six months.
"The greatest number of grounds, viz.: seven separate and distinct grounds.
"The simplest and least difficult grounds to prove.
"No delays after time for defendant to answer has expired, our courts being always in session to hear testimony in uncontested cases.
"Under the charge of extreme cruelty plaintiff may allege and prove producing mental anguish and threatening health.
"Under the practice of our courts, where no real contest exists parties are not subject to embarrassing cross-examinations.
"In all uncontested cases parties may, on application of counsel, have hearing conducted in private chambers of judge and thereby avoid embarrassing publicity and exposure to the public.
"Unlike the practice and rule in most states, the sole testimony of the plaintiff without corroborative proofs is sufficient to establish the allegations of the complaint in all undefended actions.
"A decree absolute is granted immediately after proofs are

submitted, so that the party receiving the same may marry again at once, and is not obliged to wait for any period thereafter, as is the law in many states."

What more could any Turk who wished to give the slip to one wife and get another as speedily as possible, ask than this? The applicant has only to live in the State six months, divorces are granted on almost any pretext, the courts are accessible for private hearings at any time, the testimony of the applicant, unsupported by corroboration is all that is required, and the applicant can marry again the minute after the decree is signed. He can have a new wife every few months if he pleases, and has the price to pay the lawyers and the courts, which appear to be more than willing to oblige the polygamously inclined. Surely the moral sense of the majority of the people of that State will prevail ere long and wipe out the blot upon their States name due to such laws, such courts and such lawyers!

Mr. Hill, by the way, is one of the captains of industry and rulers of finance in the United States who are Canadians by birth. There are others. Just as Americans by birth are to be found in many walks of

Canadians in the States

life in this country, so are Canadians by birth to be found in many walks of life in the United States. An article on "Canadians in the United States" in the Political Science Quarterly bears flattering testimony to the sons and daughters of the Dominion in the Republic. It has been generally asserted that there are some two million Canadians in the United States. The last census, however, showed the number to be 819,284 of the age of ten years and over. The census figures also showed 40 per cent. of that number to be engaged in manufacturing, 20 per cent. in personal service, 18 per cent. in trade and transportation, 12 per cent. in agriculture and 4½ per cent. in the professions. The Quarterly writer thinks it remarkable that so many Canadians should occupy high positions in the United States as teachers, college professors and clergymen; a brilliant list of names is given not only in these lines, but in railway management and other business pursuits. It is noted that a great number of Canadian girls of a superior class have gone to the United States. Of recent years, however, the number of Canadians settling in the United States has dropped from its former ratio of advance.

A writer in one of the Winnipeg papers has been lamenting recently that "the reading of books has declined." Whether that lament is justified, may be questioned; but there can be no question of the justice of the complaint that is made in regard to the flood of trashy novels pouring from the publishers' presses. There are good novels being published right along. But the trashy ones outnumber them vastly. To raise an outcry against all novels would be absurd. The novel, more quickly and powerfully than any other kind of literature, transports the reader to new scenes, and furnishes recreation in the true sense. The choice of recreation depends largely upon circumstances best known to the individual. Dull, monotonous and sedentary occupations might call for some more lively recreation than poring over the pages of a book. Some very good people do not care for reading at all. But it would be really deplorable if a generation should grow up in ignorance of the pleasure and profit of systematic reading of standard books. No system of education can rightly be considered complete which does not teach boys and girls how and what to read.

The Reading of Books.

The Philosopher has been reading the little book entitled "Optimism" by Mr. Horace Fletcher, the theorist on diet and advocate of prolonged chewing and "physiologic swallowing" of every morsel of food. Of food theories there seems to be no end. Unprepared wheat is guaranteed, according to one theorist, to increase amiability and brighten our outlook upon life. Rice stewed in peanut oil, according to another, stimulates the reasoning faculties. A diet of walnuts, says a third, is favorable to the growth of courage. Thus may every virtue find its specific dietary basis, and every vice its vegetable cure. The school of modern dieticians approach the spirit through the body. The school of modern psychic healing approaches the body through the spirit. To the latter spirit is the only real form, whereas to Mr. Fletcher and other hygienic reformers it is that which justifies the body and its uses. But is not this whole matter of perfect health, in a way, largely overdone? A fair measure of good health we must all have and do our best to attain; but might not perfect health make mere existence in itself so pleasant as to destroy all incentive to useful effort? A vast amount of the world's greatest work has been

Diet Theories and Health Fads

done by men who suffered from chronic ill-health. It would be easy to cite a long list of invalids who achieved greatness in the field of intellect; but let us consider the field of action. Napoleon's health was never good; and to what four men does the British Empire owe more than to Clive, who won India for it, Wolfe, who won Canada, Nelson, who established the British mastery of the sea, and Cecil Rhodes, the "Empire-builder"? All four were sickly boys; and, except the last — who went out to Africa for his health's sake, and benefited by the climate, but was never of robust health — all had wretched health during their whole lives.

In New York city not long ago an old man who was pelted with snowballs by a gang of boys, fell on the sidewalk, and died. The boys did not intend to kill him, needless to say; but does that lessen by so very much, after all, the cruelty of their pelting an aged, infirm man? It is an old saying that a boy is apt to have something of the barbarian in him; and it is true that there is in some children, unless it is checked and educated, a tendency to cruelty to animals, and to new companions, and to those who attract attention either by defects or by something else that strikes them as novel, or abnormal. But when some one points out gently to such a child the unkindness, unfairness and wrong of such treatment of others, the response is usually quick and strong. The immense influence of such books as "Black Beauty" and "Beautiful Joe" is an illustration of this truth. The duty of kindness and consideration for the aged ought to be strongly impressed upon the young and made a prominent feature of moral instruction in the schools.

Kindness to the Aged.

It is to be hoped that the Dominion Government will deal paternally with the Eskimos who are under its jurisdiction, and in whom it is just now showing a special interest. Eskimo statistics are little more than bold guesses, but it is pretty well agreed that out of the total of 40,000 Eskimos not more than 6,000 are in Canada, and 2,000 of these are in Labrador, under Newfoundland administration. The large colony of 10,000 in Greenland is pretty well looked after by the Danish authorities. The majority of the race are in Alaska and on the Asiatic coast of Behring Strait. As with all native races, contact with the white man has not been to the advantage of the Eskimos. Even the white man's gift of superior weapons has proved no advantage. The Eskimos had developed in the course of ages instruments and tactics quite adequate to their needs, without being needlessly destructive; the gun has enabled them to destroy the scanty herds of deer upon which they partially maintained themselves at all times, and which, now that their other sources of food supply, the whale and seal, are failing them on account of the activity of the white whalers and sealers, have assumed for them now a far greater importance than of old. It is not pleasant to think that a people whose colonization of the frozen North is as great a victory of human energy and ingenuity as perhaps history can show, should have triumphed over nature only to be in danger now of succumbing to civilization.

In Regard to the Eskimos.

The marriages of United States to titles on the other side of the Atlantic are not the only form of proof there is that there are people under the Stars and Stripes who share the fairly general human liking for titles and decorations. It is a liking not at all confined to the gentler sex. The German Emperor has been notably lavish in distributing decorations in the United States. The order of the Red Eagle has several classes, each with its own individual bauble and ribbon; this enables him to discriminate according to a nicely graduated scale, from a prince to a peasant, from a Sultan to a plain citizen of a republic. All the lesser potentates of Europe, whose revenues are restricted, make a business of disposing of titles, orders, stars and crosses. Occasionally the decorations represent services rendered. President Roosevelt has just transmitted to Congress a long list of officials of the United States Government, on whom crowned heads have bestowed decorations and presents, with a recommendation that they be allowed to accept them, out of respect for the powers granting them. He has added a supplementary list of those to whom Congress on former occasions failed to grant the desired permission.

Titles, Stars and Crosses.

The notable anti-liquor movement on this continent has its counterpart in Europe. In Great Britain, in France and in Russia this movement is of unprecedented proportions. It is due chiefly to an awakening to the destructive effect of alcohol on national efficiency. Startling figures have been recently brought forward of the prevalence of the drinking habit among the British factory population, even among women. France attributes to alcoholism her stationary population and increase of crime. In Russia alcohol is mainly responsible for the peasant's poverty, his shiftlessness and his incapacity to withstand disease. The war against alcohol is, from a governmental standpoint, an unprofitable one in the sense that it means a lopping away of a main source of existing revenues; that it has nevertheless been declared argues the growing impetus of moral forces.

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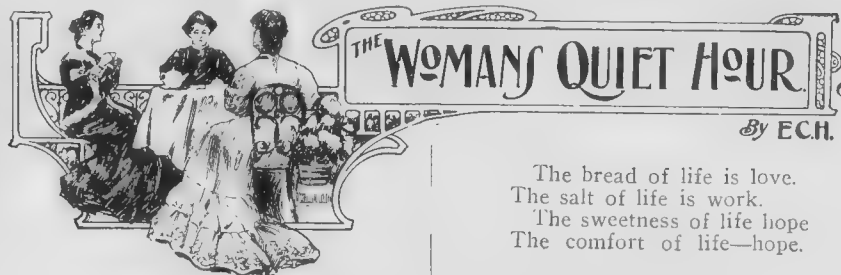
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Thought April means spring cleaning and a host of wearisome duties, with but little outside help

for the tired housewife, and I can imagine how many a woman is dreading it. This year April means something else to us, it is Easter month and not all the labor and worry of a long winter, or the overburden of spring days should be sufficient to drive the Easter hope and gladness out of our hearts. And there is cause of rejoicing that the winter is over. It has been hard, very hard, I fear for some, but it has not been as hard or as long as we all feared at the opening. There has not been a shortage of fuel, that hardest of all things for the new settler to contend with.

Some hopes have been laid low, there have been sorrows and bereavements and yet and yet, is there anyone in all this broad and goodly land of ours who has not something to rejoice over this Easter tide.

To one and all the readers of this column I commend a consideration of the Easter greeting of the early church: "Christ is Risen." That, after ail, is the important thing. That fact is the foundation of all our hope, the reward of our faith.

Spring Food.

As the spring advances and the lassitude of fine weather is upon us all, there is a craving for green food or for a change of some kind. Unfortunately our western spring does not lend itself to an early supply of green food, but even with the meat diet there is a chance for change. With this end in view I have devoted considerable space this month to dishes that are inexpensive and the material for which is obtainable by all or very nearly all the dwellers in the west.

House Cleaning.

I would like to say just a warning word about this domestic bug-a-boo, not so much how to do house cleaning, that subject has been discussed until it's threadbare, but just a word about over-fatigue for the housemother.

Just ponder this conversation:

A woman said: "I am so tired, it just seems I must give up and rest awhile." A friend replied, "Why don't you give up and rest before you have to. That would be better than —"

The weary woman feverishly interrupted: "Oh, you don't know what you are talking about; so many are depending upon me for the comforts of home. They must have those comforts and we cannot afford to pay for help. Her friend replied: "You will pay the cost of doctors and nurse and household when you have to stop and rest. If you would stop now, you would have got the price of the help to pay."

"You are right, quite right," said the tired mother. Just the same I fear that with scores of others she will keep right on until she utterly breaks down. Some of those for whom the home comforts are provided might often lend a hand in lightening the load, but they rarely do, perhaps because they have been trained from childhood to see no her do it all. Few women realize it, but it is a form of selfishness to keep all the work to themselves. Others in the family are missing useful lessons because they are not allowed to bear their share of the general burden.

There is just one thing that I would like to persuade every housewife to

Liver, And How To Use It.

From all the animals sold for food, we use a majority of their internal organs. As a whole, these organs are characterized by a solidity of flesh, and lack of grain or fibre, due to the fact that they are composed of non-striated fibre—that which is straight instead of being waved, as we find it in the fibre of the body itself. Of these organs none has a more steady sale than liver. The most delicate in texture and taste is calf's liver. Equally delicate, but far less well known in this country, is lamb's liver. In this case the whole liver seldom weighs more than two pounds and retails at about ten cents per pound. Beef liver is coarser and more tough. Pig's liver is eagerly called for by many persons, while poultry livers are looked on as especially delicate for entrees and made dishes.

Liver and Bacon.

As a standard dish liver is more frequently served sliced and fried either alone or with bacon than in any other fashion. Simple as its preparation, it is often so badly cooked as to be uneatable. The liver should be cut in slices, not over three-quarters of an inch thick. When beef or pig's liver is used it should, after washing in cold water, be covered with boiling water and allowed to stand for ten minutes, draining and changing the water as it cools. Veal or lamb's liver does not require this preliminary scalding. Drain very thoroughly. Sprinkle each slice with salt and pepper. The bacon should be cut in the thinnest of slices. Have the frying pan hot. Lay in the bacon and turn often until it begins to color and is well tried out. Lift up. Drain for an instant, and transfer to a hot platter. Dip each piece of liver in flour to coat thickly, then place in the hot bacon fat. As soon as well browned on one side turn and brown again. The cooking should be rapid, so that by the time the meat is done through it's well browned, to allow it to do so slowly is to make it hard and tough. As soon as done transfer each slice to the platter, arranging the bacon around it. The question of gravy is a disputed one, some arguing that such an addition spoils it.

For those who like it, pour off all but about a tablespoonful of the fat. Dredge in sufficient flour to absorb the liquid, stirring and mashing until smooth and browned. Gradually add sufficient boiling water to thin to desired consistency. Season with salt and a few drops of Worcester or tomato catsup, and pour around the meat, placing the bacon on top to preserve its crispness.

Braised Liver. In certain sections of the country calf's liver larded and braised is served as one of the principal dishes for a formal dinner. For this the whole liver is wiped and the top larded with fine strips of larding pork, which has been rolled in a mixture of salt, pepper and ground spice, (usually a little clove and allspice). The liver is then laid on a bed of sliced vegetables—onion, carrot and turnip—in a deep pan, a pint of rich stock added, tightly covered and braised in a moderate oven for about two hours. Before serving, the gravy is thickened.

Lamb's Liver. This dish takes time to prepare, but an equally good result at lower cost may be obtained by taking a lamb's liver. Wash very carefully and dry on a cloth, then with a sharp knife score both sides, making cuts a quarter of an inch deep and about half an inch apart. Mix together a scant teaspoonful of salt, quarter of a teaspoonful each of pepper, ground allspice and cloves. Rub this into the cuts in the liver. In a deep pan make a bed of vegetables and cover with more slices of pork. On it lay the liver, sprinkle with remainder of the seasoning and cover closely and braise in a moderate oven for two hours. Any that is left may be sliced cold for luncheon or supper, or may be diced and converted into a salad.

Mock Terrapin. Another excellent dish may be prepared by washing a lamb's liver, placing it in a saucepan, adding a teaspoonful of salt, a dozen pepper corns, a soup bouquet and sufficient boiling water to cover, and simmering gently until tender. Let stand in this until cold, then drain and dice. Make a sauce with one tablespoonful of butter very lightly browned, one teaspoonful of flour, one cupful of milk, a half teaspoonful of salt and a dash of cayenne. Add a pint of the diced meat, and stand over boiling water until heated through, then add four hard-boiled eggs, cut fine, and serve, garnishing with toast points and olives if you have them. This is called mock terrapin. For a plainer dish a brown sauce may be substituted, seasoning with tomato catsup and Worcester.

Sour Cream. Aside from the economy in the use of an occasional cup of sour cream or milk, foods made from sour milk or cream keep moist longer and have a certain quality that butter cannot impart.

The chemist has not revealed all of the reasons for the success of sour milk recipes and their consequent popularity, but he can at least shed some light on their use.

The souring of milk is caused by the harmless lactic acid bacteria, which, in growing, produce the acid for which they are named. The acid is present in surprisingly uniform amount and requires less soda or other alkali than many are in the habit of using. One-half teaspoon of soda is a safe general rule for each cup of sour milk. Milk sour enough to be bitter should never be used. If the milk is stale as well as sour, throw it away, especially if, since souring, it has been kept in a warm room.

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The millinery this season is very pretty. The small hats are all on the turban lines and the large hats either "bell flares," "merry widow" sailors or "elongated sailors," the last named are the largest hats worn and sometimes measure 20 inches from one side to the other.

Many of the turbans have more or less of the elongated effect and these are trimmed directly in front and generally with clusters of flowers of stiff quills or both. Another line of hat which will be worn more as the season advances is known as the helmet back. One of the illustrations shows a good model of this hat. For the girl who can have only one good hat for the season this is a good model to choose if the shape is becoming, as these hats will be in vogue until late in the fall. For the girl who has long country drives the small turban models will be the most serviceable and nothing could be smarter.

Colors and Combinations. There is an immense amount of brown, especially in the golden shades, but tapestry shades are leading. These consist of chinese blue and chinese pink, and dull olive green and several shades of brown. It is no uncommon thing to find all of these shades on one hat and they blend beautifully. A pretty combination is grey, the silver and darker shades with little touches of Paddy green or burnt orange. The chinese blue blends beautifully with all shades of brown, while chinese pink runs through numberless shades out to what in former years would have been called mahogany. This season what is known as mahogany has a pinker tinge.

Tiny bindings of gold cloth and bands of oriental embroidery give a tone of elegance to the tailored hats.

Materials. The materials mostly used for the construction of hats are fancy mohair and soutache braids and what is known as rope braid, which looks very much like a ravelled door mat in bunch, but it is very pretty when in place on the shape. In addition to these materials a great deal of lace is used for foundation and also ottoman cord silk and another silk that closely resembles the old time Terry velvet.

Flowers. The flowers are again in great profusion but not in the heavy masses affected last year. Roses lead and many of them are as big as an ordinary saucer and one or at most two are all that are used on a single hat.

Ornaments. The ornaments are immense hat pins, which this season are very long, rather than the long disk heads fashionable last year. One of the latest fads in hat pins is to have them of very light wood and with a design either painted or burnt on them. These are generally used with tailored hats. The odder the hat pins the better and brooches or paste pins that may be found in the old drawers or odd corners of the home can be utilized to advantage by having them soldered on to long pins by any jeweller.

Trimming. One of the greatest contrasts marked between the millinery of 1907 and 1908 is the lessening in the trimming used. Last year it seemed impossible to get too much on and striking contrasts

were effected, now hats are very plain, the trimmings largely made up of the fancy braid of the hat and where tulle and ribbon are used, though there is no suggestion of scantiness there is a lightness and grace that was totally absent last year. Indeed last year the hats suggested the "nouveau riche" striving to wear everything at once and this year the well-dressed, well-bred woman who never wants to be remarked for her clothes.

Shirred Hats. I am afraid there is disappointment in store for the girl with clever fingers who thought to have a Lingerie hat this season. They seem to have disappeared entirely, though no doubt as summer advances there may be some of them with the tailored linen suits that will be fashionable. The shirred mill hat, how-



The Smart Helmet Back.

ever, will take their place and any girl clever with her needle can make one. The elongated sailors and "bell flare" hats will be the shapes affected. The elongated sailor will be easy enough for the amateur but I doubt the crown of the bell flare will be apt to prove difficult. So far as shape goes, however, these shirred hats are going to be made to conform pretty much to what is becoming to the wearer as long as there is no startling departure from the models generally shown.

White, cream, pink, pale blue, linen color, champagne and black are the



A Beehive Turban

colors in which these hats will be made except in the case of the girl who chooses a dainty flowered muslin for her dress and then she will have a hat to match. These shirred hats are very becoming, especially to young girls, and as a little wire and a few yards of muslin are all that are needed for their construction, excepting time and patience, there is no reason why a girl should not have one to match every summer gown she owns.

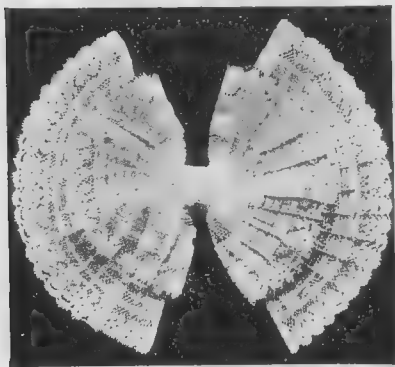
I hope the girls will like the collar and tie illustrated this month. These turnover collars and smart bows are becoming to any girl, except the one with the very short



The latest in embroidered turnovers.

neck. For her there is the turnover that lies flat to shoulder and the narrow Tourist frilling.

For spring there will be worn a great many blouses of silk to match the suits and these will have stock collars made on them. A tiny tourist frill and a string of turquoise beads will give the smart natty finish that is so desirable in spring costumes. If the girl of the house has had her ears pierced in childhood she will wear round flat turquoise ear-rings, always provided that shade of blue is becoming. For the pronounced brunettes there are amber beads and ear-rings. This is such a universal fad just now that I doubt it lasting even into the summer, but it is



Latest caper in cravats.

a pretty fad and any girl with a string of pretty beads may as well take advantage of it.

For the more dressy occasions the lace and net bows are large and fluffy. The "Merry Widow" bow which is the latest is so large as to reach past the shoulders on each side, but I trust no Canadian girl will have the bad taste to wear anything so outre. For the woman or girl who is stout and does not want to wear anything with lines running across, there is the graceful lace jabot, and nothing gives a daintier air to a plain gown than a prettily made and neatly arranged jabot of fine lace or net.

Before leaving the subject of hats and neckwear I would just like to remind my readers of some advice which I gave them last spring as to sending photos to Miss Fuller, Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, when they want an extra dainty hat made for special occasions. I know some of you profited by that advice last season. A custom milliner who can be guaranteed to make no two hats alike is a treasure not to be lightly esteemed. Miss Fuller has the real artist instinct and it is a pleasure to her to see that the hats made under her direction are suited to the face, the dress and general circumstances of the wearer.

Linen gowns are going to be much in evidence this season and there are the loveliest shades of blue, green champagne, pink and cream, shown, as well as the always useful and reliable white. This linen is fine and flexible, with a good body and though I have not experimented personally those who have tell me that with any kind of ordinary care it will laundry indefinitely without fading. Just a word of caution about laundering colored goods. There is so much hard water in the Canadian West and it's as hard as the famous

wheat. This seems to have tempted soap makers to put strong things in their soap to overcome this hardness and very often a really good laundry soap is too strong for delicately colored fabrics. Old-fashioned castile (white) that you buy at the drug store in big bars and be sure that you get the shell brand." It is absolutely safe for the most delicate fabric. A bar that will cost from 30 to 40 cents according to how far west you buy it, will if cut up in suitable pieces and well dried, last a whole summer season to wash the fancy muslins and other delicate colored fabrics, and then you will run no risks. Goods of this character should always be washed in soft water, if at all possible.

To return to the linen gowns, the popular styles for these dresses is the Peter Pan effects, though many of them will be made very dressy and decorated with a profusion of lace. This plain linen gown, well laundered will always look stylish, it is easy to iron and always looks new when washed. I would advise leaving the elaborated gowns to those who are near steam laundries.

With the white linen gowns they can always be made to look more dressy when required by wearing a fancy lawn and lace blouse with your linen skirt. In passing let me remark that I am glad to note that when blouses are made of dainty sheer India lawns and such light fabrics girls are tucking them by hand. This is a time when the old-fashioned girl, who learned to sew, is strictly in the lead and can give the machine artist the merry smile as she goes by. No machine that was ever built can give the same dainty look to tucks in sheer goods as can the girl with the dainty touch and quick needle and it is such nice work when going out for the afternoon. Of course I know the busy housewives over the west have little time for delicate hand-sewing, but the ability to do it is an artistic pleasure to the born needle woman and it is a splendid training for the wee girls to be taught to sew and then they have that most artistic accomplishment ready to hand when they need it.



Fetching things to wear.

FETCHING WAYS TO WEAR THEM.

By **Belle Armstrong Whitney**
FASHION EXPERT

(CABLE FROM PARIS.)

PARIS—At the most elegant social function of the week in Paris every woman present wore some type of princess gown!

The latest model is *Fourreau* (sheath) shaped but it is draped slightly from the bust line to the hips.

The only possible petticoat with these dresses is of clinging silk jersey to the knees.

Bronze is the new color for evening gowns. In tulle forming a polonaise drapery over pale rose liberty satin it is charming.

The handsomest ball gown from Paquin's, which I hear was designed by Madame herself, is of white tulle over white satin; the tulle is lavishly embroidered by hand with silver. The style is closely modelled after those worn at the court of Napoleon First some of which are preserved in the Louvre.

With all full-dress evening gowns slippers are usually worn to match. But contrasting *souliers* are coming in. Gold colored slippers with silken hose to match are worn by some very fashionable women. They are pretty on small shapely feet. With them a ribbon of gold gauze is threaded in and out of the coiffure, and a knot of the same sometimes appears on the corsage.

I am just back from Monte Carlo, the fashion nucleus just now of all Europe and a good deal of America. The loveliest high-necked dinner gown that I saw had an outer robe of pale green silk liberty satin, as soft as crepe, draped in a low cut bodice and long overskirt upon a simulated underrobe of white tulle and lace.

The smartest afternoon frock was of a new shade of rose marquisette, with a guimpe and hand-long undersleeves of tulle finely tucked with just a thread of lace at the top of the stock and where the sleeves ended.

The shoes worn with the dinner gown had black patent gypsy pumps, and white calf quarters fastened with three straps. (Slater Shoe for Women, No. 266.) The hat was a big

cavalier shape, faced with black velvet and wreathed in curling white ostrich.

The rose gown on a debutante of eighteen was worn with high button boots, in tan or ze kid, and her gloves and sunshade were of exactly the same shade of tan. The hat was of fancy tan straw, laden with rose leaves haws. (Slater Shoes for Women, No. 2150 model will give you the boots exact even to their brass buttons.)

Next week I'll tell you a lot more.

BELLE ARMSTRONG WHITNEY.

P.S.—I am seeing all the advance best styles for Spring and Summer as fast as they appear. I am going to write you a long account of them, which the makers of The Slater Shoes for Women will publish in a delightfully pretty illustrated booklet in a few days. The edition will be limited. If you want a copy ask your dealer who sells Slater Shoes for Women to take your name and address, and send it to the manufacturers in Montreal. Isn't this an advertisement? Yes, it is, of the Slater Shoes for Women. The makers of these shoes are spending thousands of dollars to give you these fashion despatches, and later on the Style Booklet for Spring and Summer. What I tell you about the Shoes will be absolutely reliable, just as what I tell you about other fashions is.

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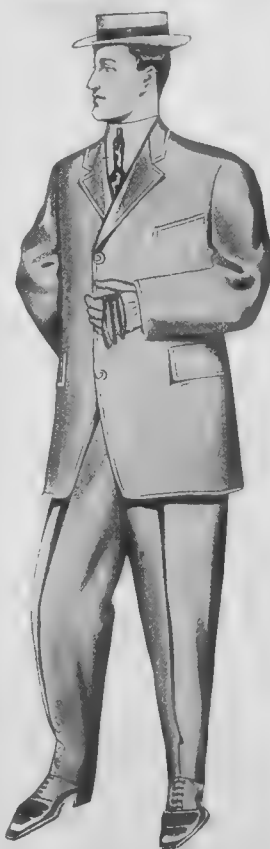
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4309—A Pretty Little Apron.

A simple but charming apron for a little girl is here sketched. It is of generous size, so that it completely protects the frock, yet there is nothing unlovely about it. The neck is rounded in the back and pointed in front, and a quaint touch is added in the mandarin



sleeve-band. Lawn, cambric or batiste may be appropriately used for making, while embroidered insertion, with or without a bit of edging as a finish, is a becoming trimming. The 6-year size requires 2½ yards of 24-inch goods to make.

4309—6 sizes, 2 to 12 years.

The price of this pattern is 15 cents.

4310—A Comfortable Yoke Nightgown.

This new design for a nightgown for a girl will be appreciated by the mother who does her own family sewing. It is equally suitable for making in muslin or flannel, and may be trimmed as shown or more elaborately. The gown may be made high-necked and finished



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with a turndown collar, or it may be cut square and edged with beading and lace. The sleeves may be made long or short, as desired. To develop the gown in the 13-year size requires 4½ yards of 36-inch goods.

4310—Sizes, 11, 13, 15, 17 years.

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4326—A Charming Dress for a Little Girl.

In this sketch is shown a frock that will appeal to all mothers of growing girls as well for its simplicity as its becomingness. The waist, which is bloused slightly in front is attached to the 2-piece skirt by means of the pret-

tily shaped belt, both waist and skirt being ornamented in the centre-front by a double box-pleat. A turndown collar finishes the neck. The puff sleeves are extended to the wrist by means of a deep cuff, this again being completed by a fancy cuff. If a shorter sleeve is desired, the cuffs might be omitted and the puff finished with a band. Cashmere, batiste, mohair or fine serge serve nicely for making, while a braid or velvet ribbon might provide a suitable trimming. To make the 9-year size 4½ yards 24 inches wide are needed.



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4326—7 sizes, 6 to 12 years.

The price of this pattern is 15 cents.

4262—A Pretty Dressing Sack for a Young Girl.

Daintiness in the small belongings indicates refinement in the girl no less than in the woman, and the modern miss is quick to recognize this fact. A pretty negligee which she will be glad to possess and perhaps equally glad to make is here sketched. The model is especially desirable because it is suited to development in any soft material, whether silk, wool or cotton. In the present instance batiste was used for making, fancy stitching, lace and ribbon being employed for garniture.



4262

The sack may be made in either high or square neck, and is provided with two styles of sleeve. To make the 14-year size 3½ yards of 27-inch material are needed.

4262—Sizes, 12, 14, 16 years.

The price of this pattern is 15 cents.

6009—A Graceful Model for a House Gown.

A pretty, becoming house gown that may be easily slipped on and yet betray none of the untidiness that so often accompanies the wrapper, is a very desirable acquisition to the woman who likes to look neat and dainty at all times. The morning gown or wrapper shown is one of the best of such designs, and has been specially selected for illustration because it will exactly fill the need expressed by so many women. The back is made in princess style, while the front, which is arrang-



6009

ed over a fitted lining, is tucked to yoke depth, and thence hangs free to the hem. The ribbon girdle may be used or not, as desired. A deep gathered flounce ornaments the skirt portion, this giving the gown a modish fullness at the bottom. The gown may be made in round length, as shown, or with a short sweep, and the pattern provides for both full-length and elbow sleeves. To develop the model any preferred material may be used, 9½ yards 36 inches wide being needed for the medium size.

6009—8 sizes, 32 to 46 inches bust measure.

The price of this pattern is 15 cents.

6047—A Tasteful Shirtwaist.

The fashioning of shirtwaists has come to be one of the modern accomplishments for womankind, for every woman realizes what an immense saving



6047

is effected when an elaborate blouse is thus completed without recourse to the professional dressmaker. Among new styles for these waists a very pretty one is sketched. The design is one of unusual attractiveness, though not at all difficult to make. No trimming is required beyond the dainty tucks, which are arranged in slot seam effect. These extend across the whole front of the waist, being stitched to yoke depth, while the tucks in the back extend to the waistline in a pleasing and becoming style. The sleeves may be made in full or shorter length, two styles of cuff being provided for. Any style of collar

may be worn with the waist. The material chosen for making the present model was one of the new printed batistes, though silk or any soft material might be substituted. For the medium size $2\frac{1}{4}$ yards 36 inches wide are needed.

The price of this pattern is 15 cents.

6051-6079—A Novelty in the Popular Overblouse Style.

The overblouse has so caught the popular fancy that it bids fair to remain in favor for some time to come; hence new variations are being constantly evolved by the foremost design-



ers. The gown shown is modeled in chiffon broadcloth of the rich pansy shade, and is worn over a guimpe or under-blouse, the pattern of which is not given. The pointed bertha collar, mandarin sleeve-band and the girdle are alike composed of messaline silk, and a dainty trimming of soutache is seen both on the waist and the skirt. The latter is of the new circular shaping, and may be made with or without a centre-front seam. The closing is effected in the left side-seam, beneath the applied strap. The skirt may be made in medium sweep or round length, and it is suggested that the trimming-band be omitted in the shorter development, its tendency being to abbreviate the lines of the figure. Any of the modish silks might be successfully used for developing this stylish costume. $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards 44 inches wide being needed for the waist and $4\frac{1}{2}$ yards of the same width for the skirt (including the trimming band) in the medium size.

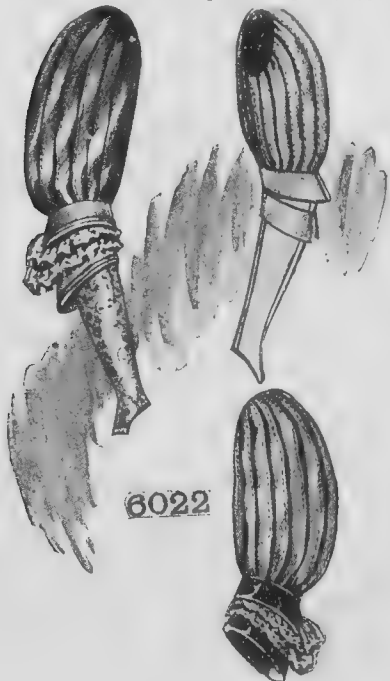
Two Patterns: 6051—6 sizes 32 to 42 inches bust measure. 6079—7 sizes. 20 to 32 inches waist.

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6022—A New Dress Sleeve.

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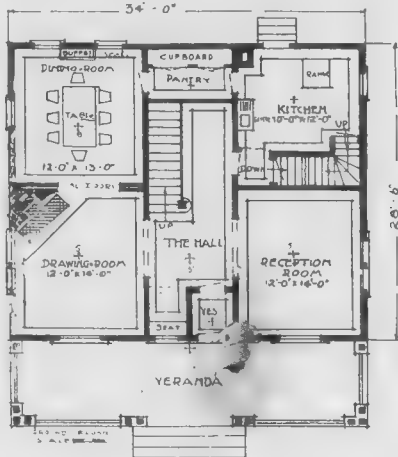
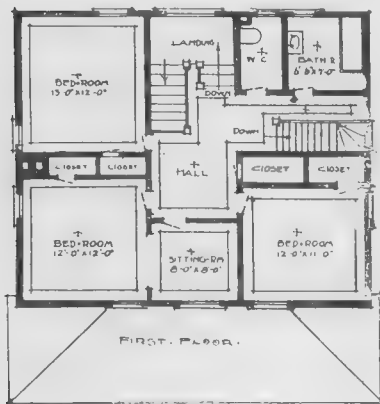


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St. Patrick's Day was, as usual, celebrated by a series of concerts given all over the country in honor of Ireland's national Saint.

"The Private Secretary" was performed with great success by the Dramatic Club at Ozark Hall, Melfort, on March 19 and 20. The proceeds were donated to the Melfort hospital.

After a stay of nearly two seasons, George Allison severed his connection with the Winnipeg Theatre Stock Company on March 14th. His loss will be much regretted by local playgoers, but fortunately Mr. Mordaunt, who takes his place as leading man, proved by his initial performance in "By Right of Sword" that he is a very efficient substitute. Other plays given at this playhouse during the past month included "The Silver King," "The Arabian Nights" and "Graustark," all of which were very acceptably received.

The appearance of J. J. Corbett, the famous prize-fighter, naturally drew bumper houses to the Walker Theatre during the run of "The Burglar and the Lady." The premier attraction, however, was undoubtedly Richard Wagner's beautiful Lenten play, "Parsifal," which altogether charmed Winnipeggers. "The Walls of Jericho" and "Red Feather," plays of distinctly opposite types, were also successfully presented.

Portage la Prairie is at last to have a decent playhouse. Wm. J. Gillman, who is the promoter of the Imperial theatre in this city is at the back of the enterprise and associated with him are Harry Stephens, Arthur Meighen, Charles Jeffrey, Dr. J. E. Lundy and E. L. Burns. A site has been purchased on Tupper street, and work will be started in April. It is said the opening will be next September.

One of the best concerts ever given in Roland took place on March 3rd. The chorus was thirty voices strong, and have been under the training of James Mawson as musical director for the last few weeks. The orchestra added very materially to the enjoyment of the evening. The following is a list of the performers: Sopranos—Messdames Mawson, Turner, Welsh, Misses M. Berry, L. Cochrane, M. Cochrane, M. Lyons, M. Ross. Tenors—Messrs. H. E. Chaplin, J. E. Mawson, F. Skinner, W. E. Swain. Altos—Messdames F. J. Hartley, H. E. Chaplin, Misses F. Berry, M. Burnett, P. Cochrane, S. Skinner, Master Erle Mawson. Basses—Messrs. T. Berry, R. McKenzie, E. R. Ridgway, T. Skinner, J. Sutherland, T. Wallace. Orchestra—Messrs. F. Skinner, Allison, Smith, Helwig, Coulston, T. Skinner.

In the governor-general's music and dramatic competition the string orchestra of the Canadian Conservatory of Music, Ottawa, was awarded the trophy for music which last year was held by the Quebec symphony orchestra. The Quebec orchestra and the Ottawa Orpheus Glee Club tied for second place. Ottawa also won the dramatic competition, the Thespians taking first place. Ottawa players were second and the Toronto and Ottawa Garrison clubs tied for third place. Mrs. Edgar, of the Thespians, Ottawa, won Margaret Anglin's gold bracelet, for the best individual acting.

The entertainment given on Friday evening, March 6th, at Columbia hall, Golden, B. C., was well attended. Mr. Ganthony and his company rendered a well selected programme in creditable style. One of the best of Mr. Ganthony's efforts was his burlesque sermon on "Little Bo-Peep." His characterization of the mannerisms of the clergy was well nigh perfect and elicited deserved applause. The musical renditions by other members of the company were enjoyable.

The event of the winter at Napinka was the minstrel entertainment given in the association hall on March 7th. The hall was packed to its utmost capacity by an appreciative audience that overflowed the vestibule and hallway. A considerable number failed to secure admission. The programme was very good, the various solos, choruses and remarks being well rendered. A. W. Kaiser presided over the minstrels. The six end men created much amusement, while the closing number a trial scene, met with vociferous applause. The

orchestra under the efficient leadership of H. Tucker, would be a credit to any town and well merited the applause it received. The minstrel evening has been an event looked forward to and the large crowd that had gathered, made it quite evident that the work was appreciated. During the evening it was announced that owing to so many not being able to secure admission, the performance would be repeated next week. Among those taking part were Messrs. F. Tweedley, E. Wright, A. A. Titus, Chas. Fowler, A. W. Kaiser, G. P. Whittaker, H. Tucker, V. Marit, Miss Emily Buse. Miss Hal presided at the piano.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Earl Grey musical and dramatic trophy competition, it was decided that the competition in February next should be held in Montreal, and in the following year in Toronto. Later on the competitions may be held in the West.

Bernard Daly and his company must have been gratified with the splendid reception given them in the Brandon auditorium on March 17th, in Joseph Murphy's famous play, "Kerry Gow." Bernard Daly is a whole show in himself, and is a splendid delineator of the Kerry Gow and amid an atmosphere of romance, "Irish at that" everyone enjoyed the beautiful Irish ballads as sung by Mr. Daly. He possesses a sweet voice, his enunciation being very clear. He is supported by a good company, Clara Dalton as Norah Drew, being particularly fine. Anna McNaughton, the girl with the saucy tongue is a good sample of what an Irish girl is and should be. John Farrell and R. A. Bresee as Patrick Drew and Major Gruff respectively were exceptionally good as also was Lee Millar as Raymond Drew, the other parts were in the hands of clever actors.

A highly successful concert was held at Portage la Prairie on March 17th. A cornet solo by H. T. Ruffel was well rendered and the vocal duet by Mrs. H. J. Smith and Miss Grobb, "Abilene on thy Fertile Plains" was suitably rewarded with the applause. A "Sneezing Chorus" was well done and called forth much hilarity, and Mrs. P. H. Snider's reading from "Lovey Mary" was appropriately given. W. P. Smith was in good voice and his "Irishman's Toast" was encored, a chorus "Song of Spring" concluding the programme.

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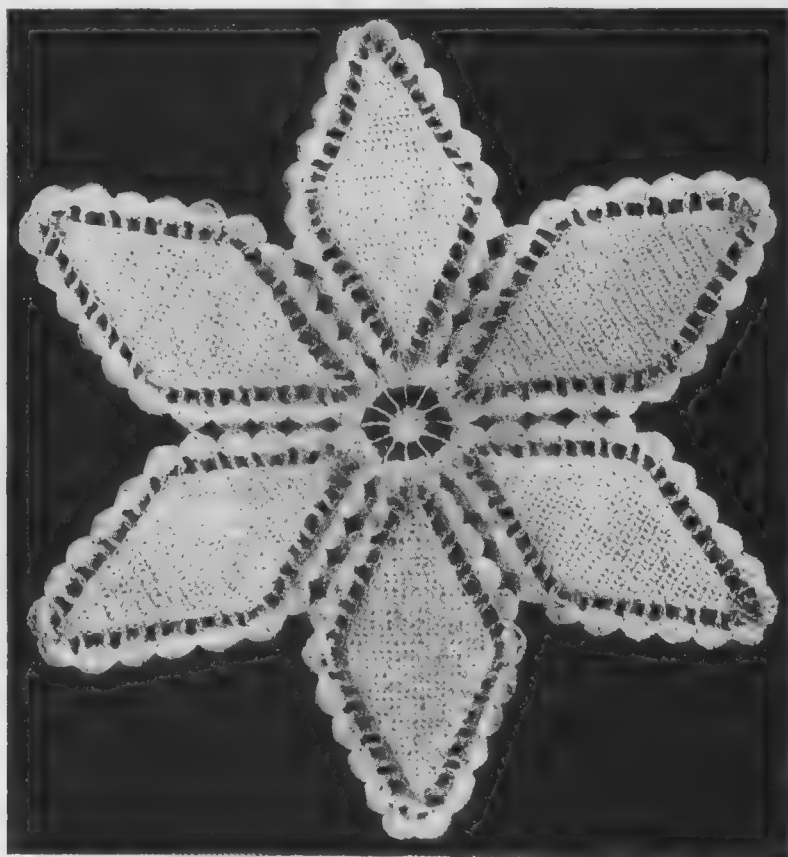
Work for Busy Fingers.

Star Mat.

The star mat is made of coarse mercerized cotton, such as comes upon large spools. Make a chain of three stitches, turn and make two s. c. upon the chain. By s. c. we mean with one stitch upon the hook slip the hook through one of the foundation stitches, thread over the hook and draw through, both stitches. Repeat back and forth across, increasing one stitch on either side each time across until the piece is about two inches wide. Now decrease at the same rate you increased until there is but one stitch or two remaining.

The first band is made of 7 ridges (twice across is a ridge), and after making the same sized band of white put one of 5 ridges of a lighter shade of pink and then same quantity of white. The third band is of a still lighter shade of pink and consists of three ridges. On the last row of knitting bind off 4 and drop the 5th, continue, or, the stitches need not be dropped.

Wash silk is used for the lining, and a binding of soft, white liberty satin is feather-stitched with the pink silk over the edges and holds both silk and knitting together.



Star Mat.

Break the thread and draw through the stitch or stitches. Upon the edge of each of the four slanting portions of each diamond-like piece, make eleven d. c., each two separated by ch. 2. Over every third ch. 2 make a shell composed of d. c. 3, ch. 1, d. c. 3. S. c. over the next ch. 2. Sew together as shown in the illustration and make a web in the center. Ribbon may be drawn through the open spaces.

Collar or Filet Lace.

Illustrated herewith is a very pretty stock collar of Filet lace, the simple design of which may be easily copied by counting the meshes, and following the instructions for making Filet lace given in this department last month. This collar is worked entirely in Point de Reprise stitch and plain buttonhole on the edge.

Baby's Knitted Cover.

This cover is 1 1/4 yards long and 1 yard wide. One pound of germantown wool, one pair of medium-sized rubber knitting needles, 1 1/4 yards wash silk, 3 yards of ribbon, 4 skeins of pink twisted embroidery silk, are the materials required.

Cast on 150 stitches and knit the entire cover plain garter stitch, arranging 3 bands of pink wool in each end.

Relief Crochet Insertion.

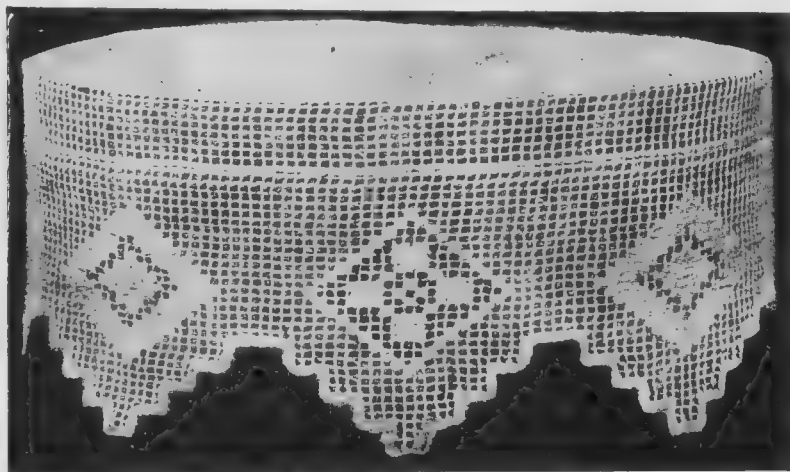
Make a chain of 57 stitches. A single in the 11th from the needle (5 chain, a single in the fifth chain, a shell of 4 roll stitches 0. 10. in next 3rd chain, fasten with a single on next 3rd chain). repeat 3 times, 5 chain, single in fifth chain, 5 chain, single on end. There are three shells in the row and six spaces.

2nd Row—Chain 4, single on center of space, now all the way across with 2 chain and a single in each single and in each center of space, and the same in the top of shells. There are 18 two chains counting the one with the 1 chain in turning. There must be two 2 chain to a space or shell.

3rd Row—Chain 4, single in 2nd single, 5 chain, single in 2nd single, 5 chain, single on top of shell, shell alongside of the shell, in the single, fasten in next single, 5 chain, single on top of next shell, shell alongside of shell, in the single, 5 chain, single on top of shell (5 chain and single on 2nd single) three times; 2 chain, single under 4 chain on the end.

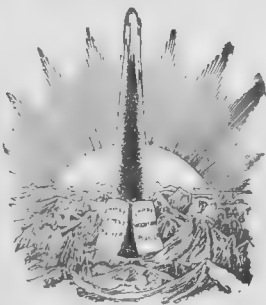
4th Row—Same as 2nd row, only you start with the single on the 2nd single in place of the center of space ending with 2 chain under the 4 chain made in turning.

5th Row—Chain 7, single in 3rd single (5 chain, single in 2nd single), twice; shell as before (everything is a repetition).



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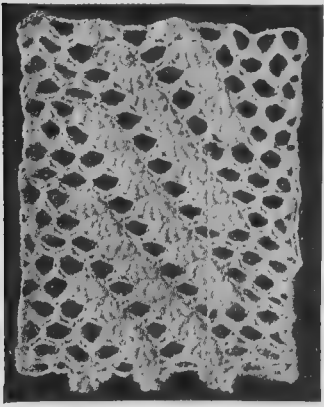
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tion of 3rd row, so will only give the chains and shells in the order they come in the row), 5 chain, shell, 5 chain 3 times.

6th Row—Same as 2nd row.

7th Row—Chain 4, 5 chain three



Relief Crochet Insertion.

times, shell, 5 chain, shell, 5 chain, shell, 5 chain two times, 2 chain.

8th Row—Same as 4th row.

9th Row—Chain 7, 5 chain, a shell in next single to start another row, fasten in next single, 5 chain, shell, 5 chain, shell, 5 chain, shell, the last in this row, 5 chain two times.

Repeat from the second row.

The Newest Needlebook.

The book shown is of red silk outside, lined with one of the Dresden ribbons which may be bought at any ribbon counter.

Cut two heart-shaped pieces of pasteboard, four and one-half inches from center of heart to tip, and five inches across. Now cut the silk a little larger and baste tightly on one cardboard. With the Dresden ribbon cover the other cardboard, and baste down the same. This is the lining. Procure a ribbon, one of the new greens, one-



quarter inch, and gather it, not too tightly. Baste this between the two heart pieces, then join securely. Cut out of fine white flannel two heart-shaped pieces three inches long and three inches wide. Tack to wrong side. This is for needles. Sew ends to hang by, finishing on wrong side with little bows.

Handsome Work Aprons.

Work apron made of two bandana handkerchiefs. The outer edge is formed by cutting out the center of one, leaving a seven and one-half inch margin. Pockets made from the corner cut off the inner kerchief where it gathers to the belt.



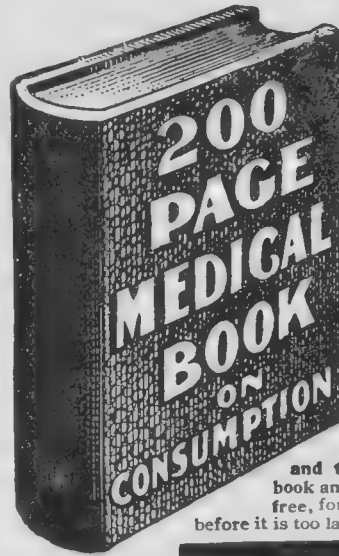
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Round the Evening Lamp.

No. 1.—TOWN MEETING PUZZLE.

Some towns in the United States formed themselves into an Historical Society, each member being the namesake of some person, place, or event of historical interest. A song was sung by twenty-one of the larger towns. The names of these twenty-one singers are indicated by the following twenty-one snatches of history. The initials of these twenty-one names spell the first line of the song.

1. General who defeated the Roman legions, and was afterward conquered by them.
2. The goddess of the morning.
3. Is celebrated in American history.
4. An English earldom; an American statesman.
5. Ancient city whose people were noted for cunning.
6. Grecian city that named the national games.
7. Range of mountains in sacred history.
8. Ancient city mentioned in epic poetry.
9. "The city of the pyramids."
10. German House from whence descended the present Royal Family of England.
11. Grecian island that was deadly to heroes.
12. City once illustrious for art, culture and splendor.
13. Woman for whom a city was besieged ten years.
14. Roman Emperor who built a great wall in England.
15. An illustrious European city.
16. One of the seven churches of Asia.
- 17-18. Contesting Houses in the war of the Roses.
19. City anciently distinguished for schools and books.
20. The oldest dukedom in England.
21. One of the Cinque Ports of England.

No. 2.—BLENDED SQUARES.

1	2	3	7	8	9
4	5	6	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
		20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28
30	31	32	36	37	38
33	34	35	39	40	41

Words of Seven Letters: 3—35, a feminine pronoun; 7—39, one more; 13—19, people; 23—33, trees of a certain species.

Words of Three Letters: 1—3 a kind of parsley; 4—6, a girl's nickname; 1—13, a snake; 2—14, a tail; 7—9, a girl's name; 10—12, the French negative; 8—18, a Spanish title; 9—19, abbreviation for "answer"; 23—25 and 23—33 an insect; 21, 31 and 30—32 a snake; 25—25 and 33—35, a dwarf; 28—40 and 26—38, a period of time; 29—41 a rodent; 29—41, a verb; 20—22, a verb.

No. 3.—ILLUSTRATED REBUS.



No. 4.—DOUBLE LADDER.

Uprights:
1st a multiplier.
2nd, with great brightn. ss.
3rd, information.

Rounds:
1st obscure.
2nd, a trapezium.
3rd, a spectacle.
4th, myself and a bone of the forearm.
5th, contention for a prize.
6th, to outlend.

No. 5.—ACCIDENTAL HIDINGS.

"Sleep on, and dream of heaven awhile."
—Rogers.
Read the above quotation both forwards and backwards, and find:

A general; an artist; a judge of Israel; two sons of Judah; a girl's nickname; a British statesman; a character in "Uncle Tom's Cabin;" an American Clergyman (removing a superfluous letter); a man who figured in the Revolution (removing a superfluous central letter); "the faultless painter;" a river; another river; a city anciently celebrated for learning; another name for the same ancient city; Bole name of a renowned city "situate among the rivers."

No. 6.—EASTER EGG REBUS.



When solved, this rebus will give a sentence appropriate to the season.

No. 7.—ANIMAL PUZZLE.

From the names of what animals can one letter be dropped and lay:

1. A row?
2. Watery vapor?
3. A great body of water?
4. An organ of the body?
5. A garden tool?
6. A flexible pipe?
7. A medium of exchange?
8. A bovine?
9. A paddle?
10. Something used by writers and printers?

Answers to all the above Puzzles will be given in the May number of The Western Home Monthly.

Answers to Puzzles in March Number.

No. 1. Drop-Letter Puzzle.—"He doth much who doth wait what he hath to do."

No. 2. Word Syncopations.—1 Parody—rod, pay. 2 Trident—rid tent. 3. Patient—tie, pant. 4. Frigate—rig, fate.

No. 3. Problem.—Eighteen.

No. 4. Hidden Word Square.—

W H I G
H E R O
I R O N
G O N E

No. 5. Pictorial Proverb—Anagram.—"Listeners never hear any good of themselves."

No. 6. Flower Puzzle.—1. Ragged-sailor. 2. Buttercup. 3. Foxglove. 4. Cowslip. 5. Bloodroot.

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Among the Flowers.

There is a large class of persons who find it very difficult to have gardens of a satisfactory nature, owing to the very general belief that a garden cannot be had unless operations can be begun early in the spring. Of course, there is no question that the very finest gardens are the permanent ones, on which operations never cease, only excepting when deep snow covers them from sight, but it is possible to have a really good garden and begin late in the spring.

Persons living in rented houses, and those who rent summer homes in the country from season to season are the persons to whom I refer. In some states the general moving day, and the one from which leases date, is April 1st, but in others, and in the majority, moving day is the first of May. In the case of persons who move to the country every summer, where they can get the best available summer home, they generally do not get settled before the middle or latter part of June, and often as late as the first of July.

The first thing is to take a survey of the new premises. It will always be the case that there are some features to be concealed, and some to be beautified and improved. The first must be considered. Is there a tumble-down fence, a rickety old building or outbuilding to cover or conceal? A neglected summer house to cover, or trellises to restore to their former state of beauty? If so, they demand the first attention. Use some of the quick-growing annual climbers, as the Wild Cucumber Vine, Cobaea Scandens, Cypress Vine, Dolichos, Morning-glory, and any of the ornamental gourds. Any of these planted as early as the first of June in very rich soil and kept freely watered will make a quick growth, and by the middle of summer make a fine showing. If the soil is not naturally of the best for these vines enrich it with one third of its bulk of well-rotted cow manure, and run the spade down deep in digging, even if some of the sub-soil comes up with it.

The next thing to consider is the matter of screening, and the making of an imitation shrubbery. If the back yard or vegetable garden is unsightly, or it is desired to cover any feature of the garden with a screen, plant rather closely (a foot apart) Ricinis, or Castor Bean. These must have soil the same as climbing vines, and in addition be well mulched as soon as the dry season arrives, and they will require a great quantity of water to stimulate them into quick growth. By mid-summer they should form a screen or hedge, or whatever shape they are planted in, six feet high, and impervious to the sight.

Of course, in the meanwhile the garden beds and borders have been laid out. One of them, in some out-of-the-way place, but in a sunny location, must be kept for a nursery bed in which to start the young seedlings, while the others will be given temporary blooming plants, to cover them while the young plants are maturing. The best plants with which to get the earliest covering bloom are the Marguerite and Dianthus Pinks.

The soil for these must be very rich and porous. Aerate it well by turning it as it is dug and raked, and at once plant it broadcast with a mixture of Marguerite and Dianthus seed, which should be lightly raked in, be well rolled or patted with a board, and then thoroughly watered with a fine nozzle spray.

In four weeks the beds should be a mass of fine fragrant blooms, a perfect riot of shades and colors, with which you will be loth to part, but they must give way to the regular bedding plants later on. The principal difference between this kind of a garden and a regular one

is that the time of planting out the bedding plants is set forward six weeks, while we use a cover crop in the meanwhile.

Prepare the nursery bed with great care. If there is help enough at hand, the soil should be all dug, mashed with the back of the spade, raked, and then sifted through a greenhouse sieve in order to get it into perfect condition, as we must force the seedlings almost as fast as in a hotbed or greenhouse. In case there should be either of these valuable adjuncts on the premises the matter of producing the bedding plants is easy, but there will be but few cases in which they will be found on rented premises, and it will pay, if possible to do so, to put up a couple of frames of glass on top of the ground after the soil is prepared.

Give the sunniest portion of the nursery bed to a small quantity of Alyssum, Little Gem, for edgings. These are rapid growers. Plant the seed rather thickly, but thin out to two inches apart when they show the third leaf, and when the plants touch thin out again. Keep them well watered. In other portions of the nursery bed plant enough of the following bedding plants, rather thickly, in order to be sure to get enough plants, but thin out as soon as they get an inch high, and stimulate by frequent soaking with water, or better still, strong liquid manure, made by soaking in a barrel of water a bushel of well-rotted horse manure.

If the beds for the annuals have no natural support, they should be edged up with sods cut thick, and wide enough so that when they are stood on their edges they will be the height of the bed above the surrounding ground. For filling the beds the following plants might be used:

Celosia.

These are the plants commonly called "coxcorns," and in the new and improved forms are one of the best bedders we have, and are quick growers. For the center of the bed use the "feathered" varieties, next the Empress, while for the outer edge use the very dwarf one, Queen of Dwarfs. The Celosia will not do well in rich soil. It likes a rather poor, limestone loam, but any ordinary garden soil that has not been recently manured will do. Plant them rather closely, as they will not make as much growth as if started earlier in the season, and in addition it is intended to make an immediate effect. Keep well cultivated, and water sparingly.

The Amaranth.

Use the Amaranth for the centers of the other beds, as they will grow to a height of three feet in a short time if given plenty of water and very rich soil. In a late garden each bed must be considered by itself, and made accordingly, rich or poor, as demanded by the particular plant grown. Use the variety Tricolor Splendens for the finest effect.

The Tuberous Begonias,

For these, plant the tubers in the nursery bed in the richest soil obtainable, loose and fine, and give plenty of sun and water. Set them out in the beds closer than usual, about eight inches apart, and keep the soil loose.

Brachycome, Cacalio, Pot Marigold and Nasturtiums.

The culture of these plants is so similar that they can be grouped together. Plant them separately in the nursery bed, and thin out or transplant as soon as the third leaf is made, keeping them growing by stimulating with plenty of water or liquid manure. Use the dwarf nasturtiums for bedding. They should be set out in the beds not more than eight inches apart in this case, in order to make an immediate show. Keep well cultivated.

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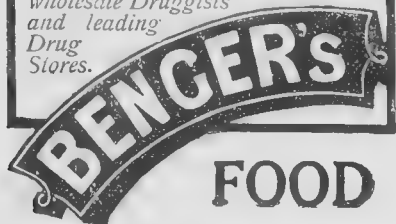
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Rub a nourishing skin food across the wrinkles on forehead and around the eyes, with a light but firm touch, to make the creases disappear.

Stout persons should avoid wearing tight collars as circulation is obstructed and the pressure occasioned may cause an attack of apoplexy.

Hot fomentations will never scald if the cloth is wrung out very dry. This can be done by dropping it into a dry towel, and twisting the dry ends so as to squeeze out all the water.

After a ride against a piercing cold wind, the burning sensation in the eyeballs can be relieved by bathing them with milk-warm water to which a little salt has been added.

A healthy action of all the organs of the body depends upon the perfect action of the nervous system; consequently when there is a nervous breakdown we may expect to find various functions of the body disordered.

Night sweats are often brought on by excessive bed clothing and heated bed rooms. Proper ventilation and a regulation of clothing will often correct this condition without medicine.

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For a severe headache a towel wrung out of hot water and applied to the back of the neck will often give instant relief. Also, putting the feet in hot water will often cure a headache by drawing the blood from the head.

An excellent health rule for bright eyes and a clear skin is to take the juice of a lemon in a glass of water with a dash of salt added every morning before breakfast. This acts directly on the liver which has more to do with good looks than people imagine.

There are said to be twenty-eight miles of perspiration tubes under the skin, which pour out more than a pint of water and three hundred grains of solid impurities every day. This gives an idea of the necessity of keeping the skin absolutely clean.

Soap often takes the natural oil out of the skin and makes it appear dry and wrinkled. Olive oil or almond paste, rubbed lightly but thoroughly into the skin, loosens the particles of dirt, after wiping the face with a soft cloth, warm water will easily cleanse it.

For cankered throat, sore mouth, etc., use borax and honey, drink sage or slippery elm tea. For a sore throat and congested lungs take a glass of hot flaxseed lemonade. This is made by pouring a quart of boiling water on a half cupful of flaxseed, add the juice of two lemons, sweeten to taste, and let boil in a double boiler, covered tightly, for an hour, then strain.

There is nothing better than fresh air to quiet the torture of racking, riotous nerves.

Chew all solid food until it is thoroughly mixed with saliva, and practically liquid.

Eat only in response to a hunger which will be satisfied with plain bread and butter.

Rice possesses more nutriment than wheat, oats or barley. It will sustain life longer than any other starch producing plant.

Remember the value of warm salt water for bathing tired eyes or when inflamed by exposure to bright sunshine or wind.

Anoint finger nails at the roots every night with cosmoline, or dip them in sweet oil. This will make them glossy and smooth and they will not split.

Children who have a tendency to scrofula and consumption need to spend much of their time outdoors to gain proper physical development.

People drink too little water. Sufficient should be taken each day to so flush the system as to carry off waste and poisonous matter from the blood.

The flat, insipid taste of hot water which is so objectionable to many persons can be removed by aerating it. Pour it from one cup to another.

"We should love our bodies, study them, care for them, train them, hold them true to the great service of ministering to the spirit within. They should be kept pure and sweet and sound."

Persons predisposed to diseases which cause skin troubles, such as eczema, hives, erysipelas, should avoid strong tea and coffee and highly spiced or seasoned foods. The more cooling and laxative the diet the better.

The country woman's remedy for tan is a paste composed of the white of an egg, fifteen drops of tincture of benzoin, one ounce of strained honey, and four ounces of ground barley. Spread the paste on at night and wash off with warm water in the morning.

As a rule the simplest remedies for a cold are the surest. There is nothing for carrying off the congestion like a hot bath, a hot drink and a good sweat. Do this at night. If necessary to go out next morning, rub the body vigorously with alcohol and a Turkish towel before venturing forth. It is of the utmost importance to avoid getting chilled after the hot bath. If it is a tight cold in the head, rub the bridge of the nose thoroughly with vaseline at night. This simple remedy sometimes works like a charm. Another efficacious method is to snuff up warm salt water. But one must not go out right after this or the cold will be aggravated.

Some people, no matter how warmly their hands and feet are clothed, are constantly troubled with arriving at any place where they are bound in the winter with hands and feet in a frigid condition. Speaking of the hands first, try opening them to the fullest extent, stretching the fingers out, opening and closing the hand constantly, and you will in a short time find that the exercise has robbed you of cold hands. If one is sitting it may take a little longer to get the feet comfortable, but even then you have only to raise the foot on the toes, lifting the heel as high as possible and then alternate by resting the foot on the heel and bringing the toes up. When one is standing it is only the work of a moment to put yourself in a glow by rising and falling on the toes.

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Nux Vomica—Produce vomiting, give coffee, stimulants, etc.

Belladonna—Emetic of warm water.

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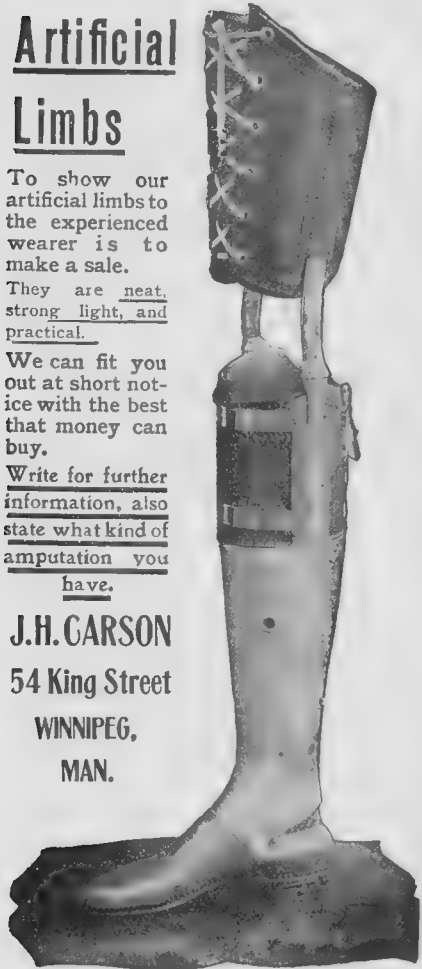
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And parents said they should;
And sometimes when I'm naughty
He takes me on his knee,
And tells, when he was little,
How good he used to be.

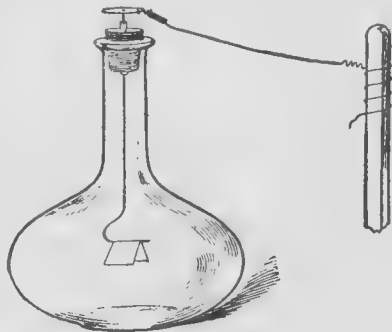
He never stole a cherry tart,
Or hid in passageway
To boo at Jane as she came by
With dishes on a tray.
He never once put currant jam
Where grandma'd prob'ly sit,
And when he fell and hurt himself
He never cried a bit.

He didn't pinch Aunt Lucy's legs
When going up the stairs;
He never told poor little Ted
His bed was full of bears;
He never kicked good Mary Ann
Or hit her with a spade;
I guess perhaps my daddy was
The best boy ever made.

A Dainty Home Experiment.

Electricity is so common nowadays that we all want to know something about it. The electroscope is an instrument used for showing us whether or not a body is charged with electricity, and if so, whether the electricity be positive or negative. As almost all things have some electricity in them, you can find much amusement and instruction in discovering the kind by means of a home-made electroscope.

A very simple, but effective one, can be made with a glass bottle. Clean and dry the bottle thoroughly, and insert in the cork a piece of glass tubing about an inch long. Get a piece of zinc and cut out a disk about an inch and a half



in diameter, in which drill two holes, one in the center and the other near the edge. In the center hole solder one end of a brass or copper wire.

Now get a little shellac and soften it by warming. Pour it into the glass tubing, and before it cools and hardens, run a piece of wire through it so that the disk of zinc is about an inch above the tube.

Slip the other end of the wire into the bottle, and see how much you will have to cut off. When the cork is in place, the wire inside, bent at a right angle to the bottom, should reach to about the center of the bottle. Remove the cork and the wire, and cutting the latter at the right place, bend the bottom at right angles. Now try it again and see that it is right.

When all this has been carefully done, gum to the sides of the hook thus made two leaves of "Dutch metal." This can be bought from a sign painter. Each leaf should be half an inch wide, and long enough to come within an inch of the bottom of the bottle.

Then insert the cork with the wire and leaves into the bottle, and the instrument is complete.

To find out whether a body is charged with electricity, bring it near the metal disk, without letting it touch it. If it is electrified, the leaves of Dutch metal will fly apart, because the body draws to itself one kind of electricity and repels the other kind to the leaves. As they both become charged alike, they fly apart, because, in electricity, like repels like.

But to know the kind of electricity possessed by the body we must go a step further. The electroscope must be charged with a kind of electricity we know by touching the disk with a body whose kind we know. We know, for instance, that if a piece of wax be rubbed with a piece of flannel, the wax

is electrified negatively. By touching the disk with this piece of wax we cause the leaves to fly apart, and on removing the wax they will remain apart a little while, if the instrument is properly made.

If now you bring the body to be tested near the disk without letting it touch it, the leaves will either fly together or more widely apart. If the former, the body is positively electrified; if the latter, it is negatively electrified.

Instead of the way just described, you can charge the electroscope by the body to be tested by touching the disk, with the body, and then bringing near it a body whose kind of electricity is known. If the body be large it may be connected by means of a wire, as shown in the illustration, one end of the wire being hooked in the hole near the edge of the disk.

A Home-Made Dart.

You can make a lot of darts with which you may have a good deal of fun at the cost of only a few minutes of time. All you need is some pins, old corks and feathers.

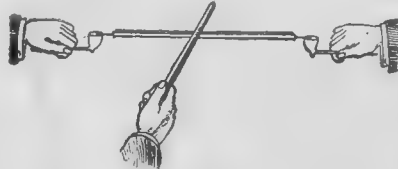
Insert the pin in the large end of the cork and shove it clear through so that the point comes out on the other end of the cork and the head of the pin is buried. Now push the point of the feather into the cork beside the pin, so that it goes half way through the cork, and your dart is complete.

You can throw this dart a considerable distance, the feather keeping it whirling round and round, but always going point first through the air.

If you make a small paper target you will find that by a little practice you can come very near the bull's-eye every shot, for the whirling motion given by the feather gives an unusual accuracy to the dart, just as the rifling or "twist" in the bore of a gun makes the bullet fly straight to its mark.

The Magic Wand.

A stick about a yard long, two pins, two pipes and another stick are laid out on the table by the performer. Then he requests two of the spectators to stick the pins in either end of one stick. This done, he requests two of the others to take up the pipes, these being of clay, and naturally very fragile. Then the stick with the pins in the ends is to be laid across the pipes, the pins alone touching the bowls. In this position, while the spectators are holding



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"Let you and I go"—should be "you and me."

"I am as good as her"—should be "as she."

"Come to dinner with John and I"—should be "John and me."

"Between you and I"—should be "you and me."

"Where are you going? Who? Me?"—should be "Who? I?"

"Who do you see?"—should be "whom."

"If I was her"—should be "If I were she."

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Shall visit us more with their bloom and their blight,
Their fulness of sunshine or sorrowful night.
Let them go, since we can not re-live them,
Can not undo and can not atone;
God in His mercy receive, forgive them;
Only the new days are our own
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Here is the spent earth all re-born,
Here are the tired limbs springing lightly
To face the sun and to share with the morn,
In the chris of dew and the cool of dawn.

Every day is a fresh beginning;
Listen, my soul, to the glad refrain,
And spite of old sorrow and older sinning,
And puzzles forecasted and possible pain,
Take heart with the day, and begin again.

Some New Sofa Cushions.

Soft cushions, which outwardly grow more artistic year by year, are delightful when filled with fragrant flowers or leaves—roses lavender blossoms, clover tops, sweet fern, milkweed and balsams. Often their coverings are embroidered in flowers like those used in filling or are made of materials in the various flower colors. For instance, a rose filled pillow has a bunch of roses embroidered on the corner and a pretty pink border or flounce of pink.

A milkweed pillow recently seen was covered with fine open network, through which the silky floss of the milkweed was plainly discernible. This floss will not shed fuzz, as might be expected. No eiderdown is half so soft or fairlike as this milkweed when used in a pillow. It will take nearly a barrel of milkweed pods, but, as so many country people know, it pays for the trouble of gathering it.

Gather the pods late in summer when they are fully matured, but before they turn black or have opened.

For a clover blossom pillow only fragrant clover should be gathered, and then quickly dried without exposure to the sun. A recent writer suggests adding a sprinkle of clover sacnet powder to the dried blossoms.

A hop pillow will be new to many. Dry the hops thoroughly, make the covering of brown denim and finish the pillow in brown and gold. A spray of hops in gold wash silk may be embroidered on the surface.

To make a pillow of roses, spread fragrant petals in the shade on a warm sunny day. After drying them thoroughly, sprinkle a table-

spoonful of powdered orris root and ten or twelve drops of attar of roses among them. Fill a slip of glazed cambric with the mixture and cover with silk or satin.

Sofa pillows made up in the shape of a football are new. They are not much larger than a football, and are covered with burlap, denim, calfskin, or most anything, and sometimes laced up with leather thongs in close imitation of the real thing. They are down filled and nice to tuck in hollows.

Heart and Home Talks.

The farmer's family should be the happiest of any in the world. For they are so situated as to almost make their own world. Or at least be very independent of the great world outside, and able to make the home world the pleasantest and dearest spot on earth.

The home, however humble, may be beautified with plants and flowers, shaded with trees of father's planting, set in a neat, well kept lawn.

Meals prepared chiefly from the products of the farm and garden may not only please the appetites but keep all in good health. There is joy in watching the upspringing and growth of seed planted by one's own hands that those who have never planted cannot imagine. The elements are the forces with which the farmer works, contends against at all times, co-operates with at others, until the results of his labors are stored in cellar, granary and hay loft.

There is much to be done that is hard and toilsome, but always there are about the workers the sweet influences of nature that often make them forget the weariness that labor brings. The songs of the earliest birds of the spring cheer the plowman, the changing beauty of the sky is ever above him, blossoms of field and wood peep at him from every side. The fulness of summer brings beauties of leafage and grain fields, and promises of the wealth of the harvest. Every glance across the meadows gives pleasure to him whose sense of beauty and love of nature is ever alert.

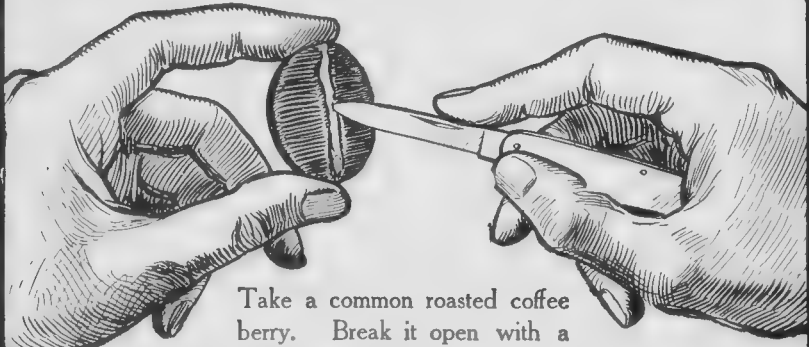
But all are not so endowed. Some there are who see in the beauty of the morning only the promise of a "good growing day." One of this kind was once heard to say: "If I had to ride ten miles across the country on business I'd as soon go blind as any way till I got there." Think of it! Blind to the beauty of the changing landscape in a country that was partially wooded and slightly hilly, every turn of the road bringing to view a change in the lovely scenery, the road several times crossing a river, or winding along half way up its high, wooded banks. Blind—to all that!

Friends, we make our own comfort, our own content, our own happiness—or the reverse. If we look for unpleasant things we will find them. If we have decided that life isn't worth living, it will not be. If we consider our work hard our tasks will press heavily upon us. If we "dread the winter" we will find it dreadful.

But let us turn over a new leaf. We are working for those we love, and love sweetens and lightens labor. Let us think of and look for pleasant things—the little things that brighten the passage of each day and teach our children to look for them. Let us make the most of our comforts, learn to prize our own good health, and rejoice in that of husband and children.

So much depends upon ourselves whether we are happy or not, wherever our lot may be cast, that we should be on the watch constantly for happiness makers until happiness becomes a habit.

Split a Coffee Berry



Take a common roasted coffee berry. Break it open with a knife or other instrument. See that light colored skin or "chaff" enclosed in the heart of the berry? Looks small and harmless, doesn't it? But—that is the most, in fact, the only harmful substance in coffee. It contains a large amount of tannic acid which impairs the flavor of the coffee and makes it injurious to the stomach and other digestive organs.

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COOKING RECIPES.

Raised Doughnuts.—Mix one cupful of milk, one-half cupful of sugar, one-half yeast cake, flour to make a batter. At night add one-half cupful of sugar, three teaspoonfuls of lard, one egg, salt, nutmeg and flour. Cut out and rise light, then fry.

Coffee Custards.—Grind two ounces of freshly roasted coffee, add one cupful of boiling milk, and set in a warm place forty minutes. Strain it, mix in the ordinary way with sufficient milk and eggs to make one quart of custard and pour in cups. Bake these in a pan of water very carefully and serve cold.

Banana Custard Pie.—Line a deep pie tin with nice rich paste. Into it slice one large, ripe banana, or two small ones. Pour over it a custard made with one pint of rich milk, two well-beaten eggs, two tablespoonfuls of sugar and a pinch of salt. Bake slowly in a moderate oven, and finish with a meringue or not, as desired.

Apple Snowballs.—One-half pound of rice, five or six large apples, a little butter and sugar. Wash the rice, put it into plenty of water, and boil quickly for ten minutes, drain it and let it cool. Pare the apples, take out the core with a vegetable cutter, and fill the hole with a small piece of butter and sugar. Enclose each apple in rice, tie in separate cloths and boil for one hour. Serve with sweet sauce.

Lemon Pudding.—To the yolks of four eggs add one cupful of sugar, one quart of milk, one pint of bread crumbs, one teaspoonful of butter, and the grated rind of one lemon. When well mixed spread over the top a layer of jelly, and add the whites of the eggs whipped to a stiff froth, sweetened with one cupful of sugar, and flavor with the juice of the lemon. Then set in the oven and brown slightly. Allow half an hour for baking the pudding.

Scrambled Eggs.—To each cupful of milk allow four eggs. Measure the milk, scald in a pan or basin on the stove. Break the eggs into a bowl, and with a spoon stir just sufficiently to break the yolks, then turn into the milk, salt, and as fast as the egg cooks keep it scraped off the bottom and sides of the pan until the whole is thickened, then remove at once from the stove. If cooked too rapidly, they will become watery.

Cheese Fondue.—Sift sufficient stale bread crumbs to make one cupful. Grate one-quarter of a pound of dry cheese. Soak the crumbs in one pint of fresh milk. Add three eggs whipped very light, one scant tablespoonful of butter melted, a pinch of baking soda dissolved in a few drops of warm water, salt and pepper to taste and the grated cheese. Pour this into a buttered baking dish, sprinkle thickly with dry crumbs, and bake in a quick oven until golden brown. Serve at once, as it soon falls.

Shad Roe Croquettes.—Cook the roe in boiling salted water fifteen minutes, drain and mash. For each pint of roe beat together one-fourth of a cupful each of butter and cornstarch, and cook in a cup and a half of hot cream ten minutes. Add the juice of half a lemon, half a teaspoonful each of salt and paprika, a few drops of lemon juice, one egg, beaten; the roe, and, if at hand, a few mushrooms, salted and chopped; cool in shallow dish, shape into croquettes, egg and bread crumbs and fry in deep fat.

Boiled Rice.—Take one cupful of best head rice, wash in several waters, put into a saucepan, add two quarts of cold or warm (not hot) water, salt well, and boil rapidly for about twenty minutes. Just as soon as the kernels are tender, but not broken or mushy, remove from the fire, and pour into a colander to drain, reserving the water for soup. To remove any excess of starch and still further to separate the kernels, pour more water over the rice in the colander, cover, and keep hot. Serve with cream or any suitable fruit sauce, avoiding the very acid fruits.

Baked Ginger Pudding.—Put one-half pint of milk in a clean saucepan with a generous lump of butter, and place it on the stove. Into a basin put two tablespoonfuls of flour, three tablespoonfuls of sugar, a heaped dessertspoonful of ground ginger, and half a nutmeg grated. Mix this into a smooth batter with one-half pint of cold milk; bring the milk and batter in the saucepan to boil, and stir in briskly the batter, stirring it until it boils. Then stand it on the table to cool for five minutes. When cool, stir in well two whole eggs; pour at once, when well mixed, into a well buttered pie dish; bake in a hot oven for half an hour.

Vegetable Soup.—Take half a small turnip, two onions, four potatoes, one tablespoonful of rice, two cupfuls of strained tomato, two bay leaves, salt, one tablespoonful of butter. Cut the vegetables quite fine, add the rice, and boil in one quart of water. When nearly done, add tomato, bay leaves, butter and salt, and water to make at least two quarts of soup. Other vegetables, such as cabbage, carrots, celery, okra, green peas and corn may be used, and the soup strained through a colander, if preferred, adding a little minced parsley before serving. The rice-water and some of the boiled rice may be very nicely utilized here.

Domino Cakes.—Dominoes are not difficult to make. Beat one-half pound of butter to a cream, adding gradually two cupfuls of sugar; add the yolks of four eggs. Beat thoroughly; then fold in the well-beaten whites and three cupfuls of pastry flour sifted with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Pour into greased shallow pans to the depth of half an inch. Bake in a moderate oven for fifteen minutes. When done turn out on a cloth to cool, and when cold cut with a sharp knife into oblong pieces the shape and size of a domino. Cover the tops and sides with white icing. When this has hardened dip a wooden skewer into melted chocolate and draw the lines and make the dots of the dominoes. Children always are delighted with these little cakes.

Oyster Soup.—Add to one quart of milk one-half of a small onion, two sprigs of parsley and one-half cupful of celery leaves and stalks. Scald in a double boiler. Mix one-quarter cupful of flour with sufficient cold milk to make a paste and add it to the scalded milk. Stir until it thickens, and let cook for about twenty minutes covered. Pour a cupful of cold water over a quart of oysters, strain the liquid through a cheesecloth and heat to boiling point. Add the oysters, and when the boiling point is reached add the thickened milk. Season with salt and white pepper, and stir in, little by little, one-quarter cupful of butter.

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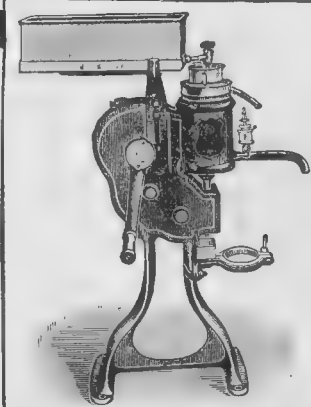
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About the Farm.

The Dusk.

The dusk of the South is tender
As the touch of a soft, soft hand;
It comes, between splendor and
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The sweetest of service to render,
And gathers the cares of the land.

Above it the soft sky blushes
And pales like an April rose;
Within it the south wind hushes,
And the jessamine's heart outgushes,
And earth like an emerald glows.

The dusk of the South comes fleetly,
And fleetly it takes its flight;
But it comes like a song so sweetly,
And gathers our cares completely,
For God to keep through the night.

DAIRY NOTES.

Hurrying is a poor way to make good butter.

Warts on the cows' teats, it is said, can be cured with pure lard.

A good milk supply depends to a large extent upon a good digestion.

It does not pay to let cows get old and broken down unless they have been valuable as breeders.

In stabling cows it is not a good idea to make them stand face to face. It makes them restless and nervous.

Enough water gets into the milk through the cow, and the honest dairyman doesn't put any in any other way.

Little as you think it, the purity of the milk depends to a large extent upon the purity of the water that the cows have to drink.

The calf will not thrive on the slop and refuse from the kitchen. It may devour such stuff, but it is only because it has to.

Cow-pea hay is a morsel of food that is particularly relished by the dairy herd, and it is food that brings returns in the way of milk.

The science of butter-making is one that is not mastered in a few days. The thorough masters of it are persons who draw good salaries.

It takes time and patience to teach the dairy heifer what is expected of her and it is useless and extravagant to try to hurry the matter.

The quality of the milk and the health of the cow will be injured by decayed, unclean or improper food of any kind. Stagnant, unhealthy water is just as bad.

Some of the most successful dairymen of the country regulate the quantity of the milk output by having cows come fresh every month. It can be done by careful management.

A cow should be dry four weeks before becoming fresh, and if she is not dry she should be made to become so. This is a matter that requires more attention than is generally given to it.

The dairy cow that is constantly kept on a starvation diet is a worthless animal about the farm. The man who is too poor to feed his cows should give or sell them to some man who isn't.

The person who goes into the dairy business with the expectation of having an easy snap is likely to be sadly disappointed. It requires hard work and plenty of it, but it is work that will bring good returns.

It is not a hard matter for the farmer's wife who makes good butter to find a ready sale for it. She can soon secure customers who will willingly pay good prices for all that she can make of the first-class variety.

How the Milk Supply is Handled in Germany.

A paper read at the recent meeting of the German Association of Scientists and Physicians, held at Dresden, on the "Treatment of Milk," by Professor Hempel, gives some very interesting information as to the methods employed in Germany to protect the milk-consuming public.

"Doctor Hempel states that the only satisfactory solution of the milk problem in Germany is to be reached by governmental requirements and inspection at each stage along the following lines:

"First. Dairy cows must be absolutely free from tuberculosis and be subject to frequent examination and tests by competent inspectors.

"Second. They must pass the day, when the weather permits, in the open air and in pastures.

"Third. They must have an abundance of good fodder, be under good care and be cleaned each day.

"Fourth. Milking should take place in a special milking room, kept scrupulously clean. A milker careless about personal cleanliness would respond to the stimulus of such an environment.

"Fifth. Udders should be carefully and thoroughly washed with pure water immediately before milking, and dried with clean towels.

"Sixth. Milk, as soon as collected from a cow, should be rapidly cooled to a point but little above that of freezing water. In summer ice or refrigerating apparatus must be used. In winter running cold water, in pipes or the like, can be employed for the purpose.

"Seventh. Milk must be kept at this low temperature during transportation and until delivered to consumers, who then become responsible for the continuance of the conditions described until the liquid is required as an article of food.

"The address closed with a forcible plea for the installation on all railways of refrigerator cars, first, to meet the needs of the milk traffic, and, second, to facilitate the transportation of fresh meats, fish, fruits, flowers, etc.

POULTRY

Incubators and Brooders for the Farmers Wife.

Although farm poultry keeping has always been considered a legitimate field for the housewife, provided she cared to take it up, artificial hatching and rearing has seldom been considered seriously except when the man of the family cared to honor that branch of the farm industry by taking hold of poultry keeping himself.

The fact is, however, that incubators and brooders frequently prove more successful in the hands of the farmer's wife than when operated by the farmer and in such cases they not only reduce the labor incident to the hatching season, but produce better and more profitable results. The old hen will sit when she wants to and at no other time. If it happens that she moulted late in the fall before and began laying late in the winter, she will not show a desire to incubate until pretty well along in the spring. That means that no early chicks can be hatched by her and early chicks are the ones that pay, whether they are destined for market as broilers or roasters, or whether they are intended for next season's profit makers.

In most cases the males are disposed of early and the pullets are kept for laying. The amount of profit in such cases depends considerably on whether the hatching is done early or late. The incubator will take up the work when-

ever the operator lights the lamp and sets it in operation. What is required, therefore, is, in the latter part of March, a supply of strongly fertile eggs. If the eggs are put in the machine by the last of March the pullets will be fully developed and laying the following November when eggs are high. The cockerels may be marketed as broilers in July or as roasters in September, when they will bring the highest prices obtainable in the year.

When to Operate an Incubator.

The question which incubator to buy is an easy one to answer. There are plenty of good incubators on the market and advertised in the Western Home Monthly. Some poultrymen will prefer one and some another make, and all the readers of this article have to do is to write for the different catalogues and decide for themselves which machine will give them the best service and purchase it now. It is not safe to wait until the season is farther advanced for at that time the incubator companies are more likely to be flooded with orders and also because incubators are usually shipped by freight, and freight moves slowly at this season of the year. It is better to have your machine on hand two weeks before you want to use it than two weeks after.

With each machine the purchaser will receive instructions for operating it. These instructions should be carefully read, for a maker of a machine ought to know better than anyone else how it ought to be operated for the best results.

Not long ago a cellar was believed to be the best place to operate an incubator, because the temperature varied less there than in the house above ground. Lately it has been proved that most cellars are not sufficiently well ventilated and well lighted so that the atmosphere is not the kind that is needed to produce a healthy chick. Light is one of the best destroyers of germs that the poultryman can make use of and the oxygen of fresh air is as necessary to produce a healthy chick as is the required degree of heat. Unless the cellar is exceptionally well lighted and well ventilated, do not place the machine there but put it in a vacant room in the house; a room where there is no applied heat. This can be ventilated by opening the windows and the sunlight admitted through the windows will be an advantage, although it must not be allowed to shine directly on the machine. Strong fertilized eggs placed in a machine in such an environment should produce a fair percentage of strong chicks.

The Best Incubator—Wyandottes or Leghorns.

To the Western Home Monthly.

I want to get the best incubator and brooder; what make shall I buy and how large a machine? I am trying to decide whether to keep White Leghorns or White Wyandottes. Which will give the best satisfaction? There is a good market for eggs here. A. J.

Ans.—The best incubators are advertised in our columns. Write the advertisers for catalogs, etc. The size of machine you need depends upon how many eggs you desire to incubate at one time. We do not, however, advise you to buy a machine holding less than one hundred eggs. For eggs, only, except in localities where brown shells are preferred, the Leghorns are considered the best; for eggs and meat combined and in localities where brown shelled eggs are not preferred, you would find Wyandottes more satisfactory.

Importance of Good Brooding.

Although most people consider the incubating the most important part in the hatching and rearing of chicks, it is a fact that the brooding gives the most trouble. There are plenty of good brooders on the market but the manner of running them and the manner of caring for the chicks frequently makes success well nigh impossible. There is no good reason for this, for a larger per cent. of the chicks hatched may be reared with brooders than is possible with hens, especially in the early season.

Until the weather is fairly warm, a hen should not be permitted to brood more than eleven to fourteen chicks and it is pretty near as much trouble to care for such a brood as it is to care for a brooder in which fifty chicks are brooded, which, if properly located and operated, is more comfortable and more healthy to the chicks and more clean for the operator to work with. A well ventilated place, where the sunlight may be admitted freely is the only place in which one should attempt to brood chicks artificially. If the brooder is well constructed, an expensive house is not necessary. A single boarded structure, made wind and water proof, is usually all that is necessary.

There is no danger of the chicks obtaining too much fresh air even though the house itself becomes quite cold provided they can run into the brooder whenever they feel the need of warmth and provided they can scratch for exercise in a litter hunting for small grains.

Feeding brooder chicks is not a more difficult problem than feeding chicks with hens at the same season of the year. The prepared chick feeds now on the market offer a comparatively cheap and convenient means of supplying every need of the chick without the trouble of compounding a ration, which is sometimes a difficult matter for the poultryman. Damp mashes have been almost entirely dropped by progressive poultry raisers, with a great saving of time and considerable gain to the chicks.

Taken as a whole, it is very plain that the use of incubators and brooders by the farmer's wife who rears a limited number of fowls is advisable in most cases. Where but a small flock is to be raised, one hatching will suffice for the entire season. Where larger flocks are needed, two or three hatchings at the most will equal the requirements. The advantage of having the work done all at one time, and at the time when it is most profitable to do it, will be apparent to all.

In succeeding numbers of this paper we will take up further questions relative to artificial incubating and brooding, in our poultry department.

Oats Don'ts.

Don't try to raise a crop of oats from poor seed; get the best large, plump-kernelled oats in the neighborhood and take it to a fanning mill and blow out half of it for feed and sow only large, strong, plump kernels.

Don't try to prepare ground that is wet. Wait until it is in proper condition.

Don't "mud in" oats.

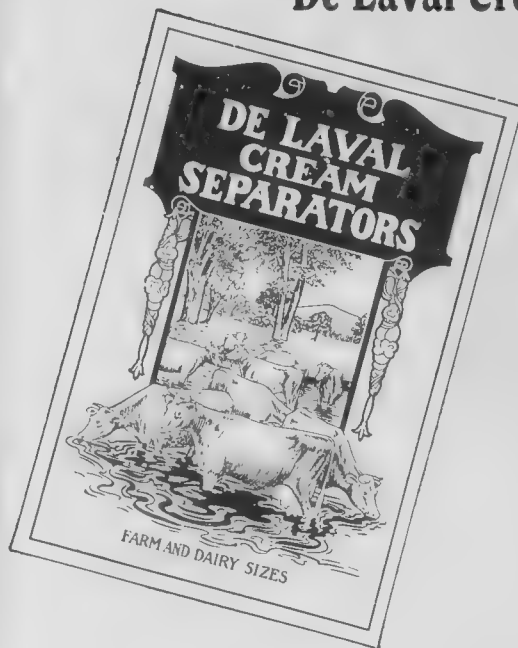
Don't try to prepare a seed bed with a rusty or dull disk.

Don't leave any ground not stirred two inches, even if you have to unhitch from the disk and use a cultivator.

Don't try to raise a crop of oats without a well prepared seed bed.

Don't try to raise a crop of oats without disking twice (no skips) and harrowing twice.

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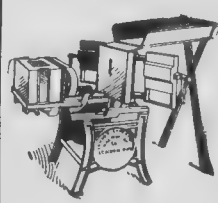
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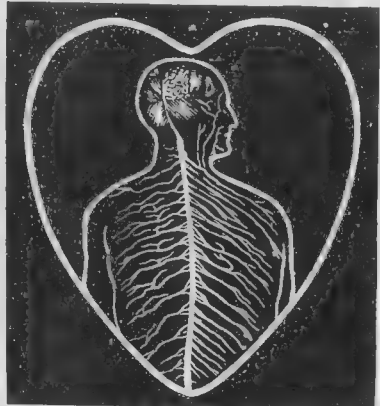
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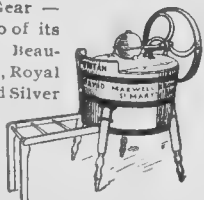
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I'm up against it once again; I have to carve some "po'try" out,
And yet, unhappiest of men, I know not what to write about.
But anyhow a start I've made; I've done two lines and this is three.
There's lots of tricks in every trade.
The poet knows a few, you see.

Verse one looks rather spick and span, and now to stanza two we pass.

I'm sure perform the stunt I can; my former doubts have gone to grass.

Of failure now I'm not afraid; in fact the end is well in view.
For there are tricks in every trade and 'en the poet knows a few.

Miss Sanborn's Ducks.

Miss Kate Sanborn, who has written much on the abandoned farms of New Hampshire, tells of an experience she had in raising ducks. The ducks proved to be enormous feeders and were consuming the profits of the farm without making the expected returns in eggs. One day the ducks were at the kitchen door clamoring for more food when an old farmer called.

To him Miss Sanborn told the story of her failure to coax the ducks to lay. The farmer laughed uproariously and finally said:

"Them ducks of yours, Miss Sanborn, is all drakes."

That Clover Yankee Goat.

A party of travelers were recently relating their experiences of wonderful animals. When it came to the Yankee's turn to speak, he drawled:

"I never had any remarkable animal, but I once had a goat that gave me a lot of trouble. I got so mad with the trouble that it gave me that I threw things at it that would have killed any ordinary goat. And now and again, in the hope of ridding myself of it, I shot at it with my rifle. It did not seem to mind."

"One day, when its behavior got past endurance, I got a friend to help me to take it to a precipice a couple of miles off, and there in the early morning we threw it over the cliff on to the rocks three hundred feet below."

"Well, we were sitting at breakfast, an hour later, when we heard a noise in the yard, and looking up, saw that goat gamboling about, pulling the washing off the clothes-line, and chawing up a red flannel shirt."

"That was too much. We dragged it up to the railroad track near by and fastened it firmly to the rail, then waited till the express came up. As the train came tearing along, what do you think that goat did? He just coughed up that red flannel shirt and waved it for a danger signal!"

The Effect of Steady Work.

Dr. John S. Buis, the famous Southern surgeon, said in one of his surgical lectures at the State college:

"It is always in rather bad taste for a physician to boast of being busy. Physicians, undertakers and grave-diggers only cause discomfort when they allude to good times and prosperity."

"There was an old man who applied to the minister of the little village of Point Rock for the post of grave-digger. His references were good and the minister agreed to assign him to the churchyard. He was to be paid so much a grave."

"The grave-digger haggled over the price, finally accepting it."

"Will I get steady work?" he asked.

"Steady work?" said the minister. "Land's sakes, man, with steady work you'd bury all Point Rock in a week!"

His Platform.

A prominent Chicago politician, when a candidate for an important municipal office, related the following story to illustrate why he should be elected instead of one of his opponents:

"Once I told three negroes that I'd give a big turkey to the one who'd give the best reason for his being a Republican."

"The first one said, 'I see a 'Publican kase de 'Publicans set us niggers free.'"

"Very good, Pete, said I. 'Now, Bill, let me hear from you.'"

"Well, I see a 'Publican kase dey gone gib us a pective tariff.'"

"Fine!" I exclaimed. "Now, Sam, what have you to say?"

"Boss," said Sam, scratching his head and shifting from one foot to the other—"boss, I see a 'Publican kase I wants dat turkey.'"

"And he got it."

Next!

The late ex-Governor Robinson used to tell a story in which he acknowledged that the only witness who ever made him throw up his hands and leave the court-room was a green Irishman.

Mr. Robinson, at the time, was counsel for one of the big railroads. A section hand had been killed by an express train and his widow was suing for damages. The railroad company had a good case, but Mr. Robinson made the mistake of trying to turn the main witness inside out.

The witness, in his quaint way, had given a graphic description of the fatality, occasionally shedding tears and calling on the saints. Among other things, he swore positively the locomotive whistle was not sounded until after the whole train had passed over his departed friend. Then Mr. Robinson thought he had him.

"See here, Mr. McGinnis," said Mr. Robinson, "you admit that the whistle blew."

"Yes, sor, it blew, sor."

"Now, if that whistle sounded in time to give Michael warning, the fact would be in favor of the company, wouldn't it?"

"Yes, sor, and Mike would be testifying here this day." The jury giggled.

"Never mind that. You were Mike's friend, and you would like to help his widow, but just tell me now what earthly purpose there could be for the engineer to blow that whistle after Mike had been struck?"

"I presume that the whistle was for the next man on the track, sor."

Mr. Robinson retired, and the widow got all she asked for.

The Editor Went Too Far.

The editor of a little Western paper was in the habit of cheering up his subscribers daily with a column of pertinent comments on their town, their habits and themselves. The department on account of its intimate personal flavor was the most popular thing in the paper.

The editor, as he saw it growing in favor, gradually allowed himself a wider and wider latitude in his remarks, until the town passed much of its time conjecturing "what he'd das't to say next."

On a hot day, when a simoon whistled gayly up the streets of the town, depositing everywhere its burden of sand, the editor brought forth this gem of thought:

"All the windows along Main Street need washing badly."

The next morning he was waited on by a platoon of indignant citizens who confronted him with the paragraph in question fresh from the hands of the compositor and informed him fiercely that he had gone too far. After a hasty and horrified



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Reassured.

The conductor was inclined to seek
for sympathy.

"Do you see that woman on the
left hand side of the car, up near the
front?" he asked the thin man on the
back platform.

"Yes, I see her."

"The one with the dizzy hat?"

"Yes."

"Well, I think she's tryin' to beat
me out of a fare. When I went in
to collect she never looked around,
an' I ain't quite sure that she didn't
pay me before—although I'm almost
positive about it. She looks to me
like a woman who'd be glad to stir
up a fuss. I can pick 'em out as far
as I can see 'em. You never spot a
woman with a face like that who
isn't ready to bluff her way any
where. I wish to thunder I knew
whether she had paid her fare or
not."

"I wouldn't worry about it any
more," said the thin man. "I paid
the lady's fare some time ago—she's
my wife."

The Horse Blew First.

A farmer went up to a veterinary
surgeon to ask what he was to do
about his horse, which had been tak-
en very ill.

"Give him this powder," said the
vet.

An hour later the farmer came up
again and said that he couldn't get
the horse to take the powder.

"Oh," said the vet., "I forgot. Put
this tube down his throat, then lay
the powder in the tube and blow it
down his throat."

Within half an hour the farmer
came running back, pale and excited.

"What's up now?" asked the vet.

"Didn't you do as I told you?"
"Yes," said the farmer. "I put the
tube down his throat and laid the
powder in it, but the horse blew
first!"

Too Soon to Begin Counting.

A man came shooting from a
brightly lighted window one night,
and landed with a crash on the side-
walk.

"It's all right," he said to the
crowd that had gathered, as he stiffly
arose. "That's my club, the Eighth
Precinct. I'm a Smith man, and
there's ten Jones men in there. I'm
going back to them. You stay here
and count them as they come out of
the window."

He limped back into the club.
There was a great uproar. Then a
figure crashed through the window,
and struck the sidewalk with a
grunt.

"That's one," said the crowd.
"No," said the figure, rising, "don't
start counting yet. It's me again."

Pertinent.

It is said of Mr. John Wanamaker
that one Sunday he delivered before
the infant class of Bethany Church,
Philadelphia, a brief but eloquent ad-
dress on the lesson. At the end he
said: "And now is there any question
that any little boy or girl would like
to ask me?"

A girl of eight or nine years arose.
"Well, Martha, what is it?" said
the superintendent, smiling on the
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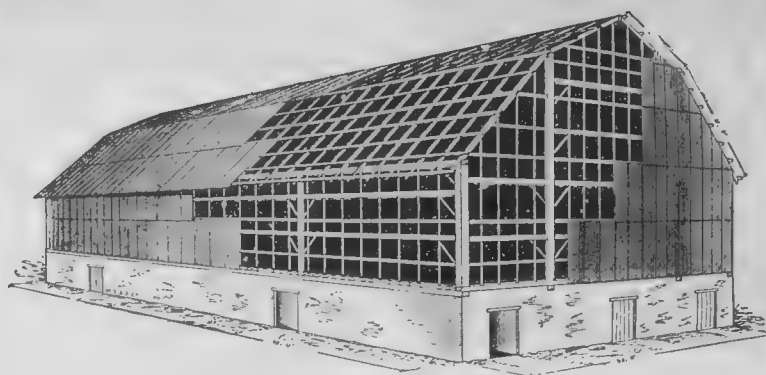
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Only seven per cent. of the men in the French army exceed five feet eight inches in height.

Though the name of Siberia is still popularly accepted as a synonym for all that is arctic and sterile, it is becoming clearer every year that few regions of the earth are more capable of producing immense stores of human food.

Japan has bought and is buying large numbers of Normandy horses for the new cavalry regiments of the empire. Prize winners at trotting races are preferred. Many horses of the Breton breed are also being purchased for the Japanese service.

Snow evaporates, under favorable conditions, without melting. That process is not noticeable in ordinary weather in this part of the country, but when frozen ground is whitened by a light fall of dry snow and the temperature remains well below the freezing point it can be seen that the snow gradually vanishes.

While most of the flesh eating plants are found in the tropics, the butterwort, sundew and toothwort, inhabitants of the central zone, will eat any kind of insect they can get hold of. If a fly alights on the leaf, the leaf folds up and incloses its victim. An acid flows out from the plant, and in a minute or two, when the leaf has unfolded, the fly has disappeared. It literally has been eaten up.

The highest percentage of rented houses in the United States is found in Washington, D. C. Three-fourths of the private families in that city live in rented homes. Next to the District of Columbia the State with the largest percentage of rented homes is Rhode Island, and after that South Carolina. The Southern States all rank high as renters because of the negroes. The smallest percentage of rented homes is found in North Dakota, South Dakota and Oklahoma.

A few wagon roads in the United States still maintain toll gates. One of these is in the Shenandoah Valley, in Virginia. This pike runs for ninety-four miles through the heart of Western Virginia, from Winchester to Staunton. It is operated by the Valley Turnpike Company and has eighteen toll gates located at intervals of five miles. The toll for a wagon and team is ten cents at the full gates and five cents at the half gates. The Three Chop road is another old Virginia highway that is still operated under the toll gate system. This primitive highway was surveyed by Lafayette and got the name it now bears because the woodsmen were told to chop three times on trees in blazing the trail.

The public revenue of Sweden is \$47,496,000 and of Norway \$23,247,000. Sweden has 7,636 miles of railway and Norway has 1,481.

Sweden's average ad valorem duty on imports is 10.60 per cent., and Norway's is 11.46 per cent.

Sweden's public debt is \$92,000,000, and Norway's \$71,000,000. The annual interest charge is \$3,248,000 for Sweden and \$2,301,000 for Norway. Sweden has \$379,000,000 on deposit in its commercial and savings banks, and Norway has \$160,000,000.

The Tree of Fire.

In the tropical regions of America and the West Indian Islands there grows a tree which, when in flower,

forms a splendid ornament to the landscape. Its average height is from twenty to thirty feet, and its stem is free from branches till about the head, where they are very thickly grouped.

Looked at from below, you can see nothing but these boughs and their densely packed leaves. Viewed from above, on some rising ground, you can see nothing but a mass of flowers of a red as deep as that of a scarlet geranium. When the sun shines on a number of these magnificent trees the effect is grand beyond description. No wonder the natives call it the tree of fire.

How the Boers Do Their Courting.

The Boers have a novel procedure in the matter of their lovemaking.

A young man, having, of course, asked permission of his father to court the hand and heart of some neighboring damsel, proceeds to purchase the most loudly-coloured and decorated saddle-cloth for his horse that he can possibly find. He will spend large sums on this article of equine adornment, and one knowing the country can never mistake a young Boer going out courting. Mounted on his most spirited steed, he approaches the house of the father of the ladylover.

Unlike the youth of more civilized life, he avoids the lady and seeks her father, from whom he reverentially asks permission to court his daughter. The old man returns no answer, but consults his wife, and the youth joins the young folks. No more notice is taken of him during the day, but if his request be agreeable to the parents, when the hour for retiring comes the mother solemnly approaches the young man and maiden with a long tallow candle in her hand. This she places on the table, lights, and, bidding the couple an affectionate good-night, retires. This is the silent signal to the lover that his suit is successful.

Marie Theresa's Cross.

The most prized decoration in Austria corresponds to the British Victoria Cross, and its value arises from the rigorous conditions for obtaining it, and the fidelity with which they have been observed. It is known as the Maria Theresa Cross, and a few days ago there occurred the 150th anniversary of its foundation. Since that time there have been only 833 recipients.

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Every winter, as soon as the Neva at St. Petersburg is frozen over, a service of electric cars is started to run across it on the ice.

At the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, the clerks are so expert in handing out wages in pay-day that 18,000 men receive their pay in less than twenty minutes.

The biggest leaves in the world are those of the Inaj palm, which grows on the banks of the Amazon. They reach a length of 30ft. to 50ft., and are from 10ft. to 12ft. in breadth.

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A biologist says that the two sides of a face are never alike. In two cases out of five the eyes are out of line; one eye is stronger than the other in seven cases out of ten; and the right ear is generally higher than the left.

The rat is such a nuisance that in England alone it is estimated he causes damage to the extent of 10,000,000 pounds every year. If all the young rats lived, a single pair would in three years multiply to 646,000 rats.

Our happiness depends on little things, says a philosopher. This is true. A man who comes into possession of a bad half-crown never knows true happiness until he has palmed it off on someone else.

Men in Belgium are not on an equality as voters. Unmarried men over twenty-five years of age have one vote, married men and widowers with families have two votes, and priests and certain other persons have three votes. Severe penalties are imposed on those who fail to vote.

His Holiness the Pope has lace estimated at something like 250,000 pounds in value. It is kept in cedar-wood cabinets in the Vatican, and as it is the custom of the Royal and noble Catholic families of Italy, Spain, and Austria to present their bridal lace to the Church, the collection is an ever-growing one.

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And some because they're cold;
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they're young,
And some because they're old.

Some drink to give them appetite,
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Some, for the doctor says it's right,
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Some drink when they a bargain
make,
And some because of loss;
Some drink when they their pleasure
take,
And some when they are cross.

Some drink for sake of company.
While some drink on the sly;
And many drink but never think
About the reason why.

Inebriety Not a Question of Will Power.

Don't be unjust in your judgment of the inebriate. Perhaps you never drank a drop of whisky in your life. You are prosperous and happy. You have proved by your experience that a sober life is best. But you may have grown uncharitable toward those whose lives have been cast in less regular molds.

Or possibly at some time you were a drinking man. You saw the waves of intemperance swirling around you and realized the danger while you had enough will power left to fight your way through to the rock of sobriety.

It was a good fight for you, but it should not make you uncharitable toward others. You conquered a craving that had not reached the point of dominance. If you had waited a little longer you might now be in the position of those you criticize.

The line that separates moderate drinking from drunkenness is not clearly defined. Judged by other people's standards the moderate drinker often is a confirmed drunkard. Judged by his own standard, the drunkard is apt to be only a moderate drinker.

There is a very simple way to determine to which class you belong. Try doing without liquor for a while. If the effort causes you no inconvenience, be thankful that you have begun in time. But if you find it difficult—if you feel an awful craving, a kind of all-over demand, that nothing but whisky will satisfy, if your thoughts of business are broken in upon by thoughts of drink, and your most heroic efforts only result in brief intervals of sobriety, it is quite likely that you will give up the battle. The kind of abstinence that brings physical torture is apt to be short-lived.

It is a common experience to hear people boast that they wouldn't be the slaves of any kind of a habit; that if they found whisky was getting the better of them they would cut it out, root and branch. But unfortunately when it does get the best of them, about the first thing it does is to subdue that wonderful will that was going to do so much.

The man of iron will has no advantage over the meekest kind of a coward, when whisky has them both under control.

What a man would have done about other things, before his will was paralyzed by drink, is no criterion of what he can do about giving up the drink. The efforts in which his will was effective caused him no physical suffering, while his attempts

to do without liquor are attended with constant suffering.

Total abstinence under such conditions may not be impossible, but it is essentially improbable.

It is this question of physical suffering that takes the inebriate out of the ordinary lines of reform work. When a man is consciously vicious he is responsible for his actions; but when his actions, whether vicious or maudlin, are the result of whisky, the responsibility goes back to the act of drinking.

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The Two Won't Blend.

That over-indulgence in alcoholic stimulants is one of the worst habits to which a man can become addicted there is no possibility for doubt. It has been truly said, if sometimes in jest, that no man can attend to his business and at the same time drink overmuch liquor. Either he must neglect the former or he must put a handicap upon the latter. Even the man who restricts his drinking to those hours when he is popularly supposed to be at leisure will discover that the habit is bound to interfere with his capacity for business, and if he is so foolish as to try to mix the two he is bound to find sooner or later that they blend about as well as oil and water.

Don't judge the drunkard by the standard you would apply to a well man. The continued use of alcohol causes a disease that requires medical treatment.

If your husband, or father, or friend were suffering with typhoid fever you wouldn't coax, or threaten, or reproach. You would try to find the best physician for such a malady. Use the same process of reasoning in cases of inebriety.

If a man is an inebriate he is a sick man, even though he is able to work. But he can be cured with more certainty and less suffering than he could be cured of almost any other disease.

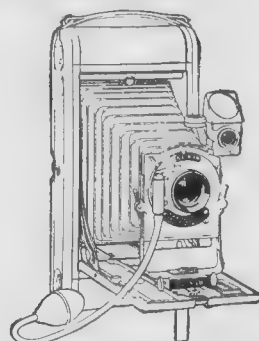
"Let no man deceive himself about alcoholic drinks. The man who drinks brandy or beer, whisky or wine, ought to bear in mind that these drinks do not give him strength. There are a great many people who believe that a moderate use of alcohol under proper circumstances conduces to health and strength, makes good flesh and builds up the nervous system. This is not true. Indulgence in these drinks should be classed as dissipation. They squander strength. They do not give strength. . . . No man is stronger for having taken a glass of whisky. He may temporarily feel stronger, but the glass of whisky has deceived him. He has taken from his stock of vitality at an exorbitant rate of interest."

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The homesteader is required to perform the homestead duties under one of the following plans:—

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.

(2) A homesteader may, if he so desires, perform the required residence duties by living on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of his homestead. Joint ownership in land will not meet this requirement.

(3) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of a homesteader has permanent residence on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of the homestead, or upon a homestead entered for by him in the vicinity, such homesteader may perform his own residence duties by living with the father (or mother).

(4) The term "vicinity" in the two preceding paragraphs is defined as meaning not more than nine miles in a direct line, exclusive of the width of road allowances crossed in the measurement.

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"I say, D'Orsay, have you ever heard that joke about the guide in Rome who showed some travellers two skulls of St. Paul, one as a boy and the other as a man?" "Aw, deah boy—no—aw, let me heah it."

Deacon—"By the way, that man Brown you married a year ago, has he paid you your fee yet?" Clergyman—"No the last time I reminded him of it he said I'd be fortunate if he didn't sue me for damages."

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Pat, in looking through his pockets one morning, missed some money. Turning to his wife, he asked: "Sure, an' did ye take oiny money from me pocket lasht noight, me dear?" "Only car fare, Pat," replied his wife. "Car fare, did ye say? Bedad, are ye agoin' to Californy?"

Pat, while on the top of a ten-story building, lost his balance and fell to the bottom. The foreman rushed to his assistance, expecting to find him either killed or horribly mangled. "Man, man!" he cried. "Are you hurt?" Pat looked up slowly and said, "Oh, niver moind; Oi was comin' down for nails, anyway."

Riggs—"My wife had a queer accident befall her the other week. As she was walking along the street a man's hat blew off and struck her in the eye. It cost me a guinea for a doctor's bill." Briggs—"Oh, that's nothing. My wife was walking along the street the other day, and as she passed a milliner's a bonnet in the window struck her eye, and it cost me two pounds ten."

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Hints for the Housewife.

Miscellaneous.

In blowing out a candle hold it aloft and blow upwards. This will prevent scattering of the grease.

If feather pillows have an unpleasant odor give them a thorough drying before a clear fire.

Dry salt, applied with a flannel, will clean an enameled bath which has become stained. Wash well afterwards.

To prevent shoes from making holes in the heels of stockings sew a piece of wash-leather inside the heels of the shoes.

Varnished wall paper may be washed with tepid water and any good soap. It will stand the usual treatment given to paint.

Instead of brushing a silk skirt or petticoat, use a pad made of a bit of velvet, which will remove the dust quickly without injuring the silk.

Metal teapots, if disused for some time, give a musty flavor to the tea when next used. This may be prevented by placing a lump of sugar in the teapot before putting away.

Not many mothers know that if stockings are washed before they are worn the threads will be tightened and they will last much longer in consequence.

A good way to keep silver bright that is in daily use is to place it in hot borax water occasionally and allow it to stand an hour or two; rinse with clear, hot water, and then wipe with a clean, dry towel.

A good floor-stain that goes right into the wood, and is very durable, is made of linseed oil colored with ground burnt umber. Rub thoroughly into the boards with a flannel pad, and next day polish with beeswax and turpentine.

Never use soap in washing silk stockings. Bran in water is the proper fluid to use—four tablespoonfuls to a quart of water. Rinse in several clear waters, pressing the water out. Dry stockings in the sun.

How to Mend a Stove.—If the stove is cracked, a good cement is made for it as follows: Wood ashes and salt in equal proportions, reduce to a paste with cold water, and fill in the cracks when the stove is cool. It will soon harden.

To prevent brass tarnishing try a preparation made by dissolving an ounce of shellac in a pint of methylated spirit. Cork the bottle tightly and leave it till next day; then pour off the clear liquid. Heat the brass slightly, and paint the solution over it with a camel's hair brush.

Brass pans that have stood for some time should be rubbed with vinegar and salt to remove verdigris. Clean with polishing paste or with bathbrick dust and water; then rinse out well with hot water and polish with soft cloths. Treated like this your brass pans will be perfectly safe for any kind of cookery.

Kitchen paints will soon acquire a shabby, dull look from the frequent cleaning that is necessary in this room. The use of soap only increases the difficulty, especially if the paints are varnished. A good plan is to boil one pound of bran in a gallon of water for an hour, then wash the paint with this bran water, and it will not only be kept clean, but bright and glossy.

In cleaning the brass around a keyhole it is almost impossible not to soil the surrounding wood. Get a piece of cardboard about four inches square, cut a hole in it the shape of the brass, and put it over the keyhole when cleaning, and the wood will not be touched.

A good idea, particularly in the winter-time, when the washing of windows is always unpleasant work, is to frequently wipe off the inside of the glass with a dry cloth. It is surprising to find how much dust and dirt can be removed. In cleaning the windows, if a little soda and a tablespoonful of alcohol are added to each pail of water, the glass will be much brighter.

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French Chalk for Mud Stains.

When a skirt is mud-stained, let the marks dry, then strew plentifully with French chalk, letting it remain on a day or two. When it is finally brushed off the ugly marks will disappear too.

Washing Chamois Gloves.

Make a lather of castile soap—or of any fine white soap. Put the gloves on and proceed as if you were washing your hands. When the gloves are clean, take them off and rinse them thoroughly in tepid water. Hang them out in the sun to dry. But while they are damp remove them from the line. Put them on your hands and let them dry. When you take them off pull gently into shape, just as you treat a new glove.

To Clean Light Furs.

For light furs mix together a pint of flour, a pint of hot bran, and a tablespoonful of Fuller's earth.

Brush and shake furs; then lay them on a table and rub with the mixture, using a coarse piece of flannel, and rubbing the wrong way of the fur.

Shake thoroughly, and then go over again in the same way, using only the warm bran this time. Shake out bran and rub fur with cheese cloth. For the dark furs use the warm bran alone.

To Shrink Cloth.

Broadcloth must always be sponged and shrunk before it is cut. Lay the cloth on a table, dip a square of rather heavy muslin in water, let it get thoroughly wet, then wring it out and lay it over the cloth. Press all over the muslin with an iron that is hot but not scorching, then remove the muslin and iron the cloth until it is dry. Keep the iron moving, and do not let it rest on any spot for any length of time, or it will mark the cloth with the imprint of the iron. Be careful not to stretch the cloth out of shape when pressing. If this process has been accurately followed out, the seams in the finished garment will not spot when dampened for pressing.

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